



EFFINGHAM UNIT DISTRICT 40

Mark E. Doan, Superintendent

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VIA U.S. MAIL AND EMAIL

Re: Effingham CUSD #40

Dear Mr. Jayne:

A class of fourth grade students were given a problem solving activity using the song, "The Twelve Days of Christmas." This was a math problem to figure out the total number of gifts given or received during the twelve days mentioned in the song. On the back of the activity sheet was the information that has been questioned – metaphors for each lyric in the song.

The teacher and Principal understand that the information on the reverse side of the activity sheet was not appropriate for use in a public school classroom and steps have been taken to ensure in the future that this, and other similar sheets, align with the guidelines and limitations of applicable law.

We appreciate your concern and believe this matter is resolved.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mark E. Doan".

Mr. Mark E. Doan, Superintendent
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