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June 29, 2017

Ryan D. Jayne
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Re: Your letters of June 9th and 29th, 2017

Dear Mr. Jayne:

Thank you for your letter of the June 9th and 29th regarding prayer at the Roosevelt STEAM Academy Graduation. The Elkhart Community Schools understand our obligation to maintain a status of neutrality on matters related to religious belief, and to avoid actions which might be construed as endorsement of any particular religious beliefs.

Our obligation to maintain a status of religious neutrality is communicated to our staff at all levels on a regular basis and I am, by copy of this letter, reminding our building principal on the importance of maintaining this status at all school functions.

We will continue in our efforts to meet those obligations.

Sincerely,

W. Douglas Thorne
District Counsel/Chief of Staff

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cc: Rob Haworth, Superintendent
Howard Edwards, Principal
Barnes & Thornburg