



Yolanda Cargile, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools

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Christopher Line Freedom From Religion Foundation P.O. Box 750 Madison, WI 53701

Re: Your letter of January 19, 2018

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I received your letter of January 19, 2018. I will not address what action, if any, the school district might take involving a personnel matter; however, I wish to address the concerns expressed in your letter.

The Hickman Mills C-1 School District has prescribed curriculum that is aligned with standards established by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("DESE"). All teachers are expected to teach the prescribed curriculum and are not allowed to develop and teach curriculum outside of what has been approved by the school district. The test questions you highlighted in your letter are not aligned with DESE standards and consequently are not acceptable and will not be utilized in our schools.

I don't anticipate any future issues with the use of curriculum outside of what the district has prescribed. Please contact me if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Yolanda Cargile, Ed. D. Superintendent of Schools

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Cc: Chris Gahagan, Attorney, McGonagle, Spencer, Gahagan