

Teutopolis Community Unit

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 50

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To: All Unit #50 Coaches
From: Bill Fritcher
Re: Prayer with Teams
Date: March 13, 2017

Thank you for attending the meeting in the THS cafeteria on the morning of March 10, 2017. Your schedules are busy, and I appreciate your attendance at the meeting.

As stated Friday morning, we can have respect for religion, but by Federal Law, cannot endorse it while acting as a school employee. Therefore, when our students choose to participate or initiate a student-led prayer, our employees may not participate. Please remove yourself from the activity so that it cannot be assumed that you are initiating, organizing, endorsing or participating in prayer.

It is important that you follow this directive to refrain from praying with your teams. As stated Friday morning, courts have ruled that participation in prayer with your teams amounts to endorsement of prayer. Failure to comply with this directive could result in disciplinary action.

Thank you for your cooperation. And, as always, please contact administration if you have any questions or concerns.