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Via E-mail to: aseidel@ffrf.org

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Re: Muskogee School District

Dear Mr. Seidel:

This letter is in response to your letter of April 14, 2016, regarding the Spring Tea. I have looked into this matter and spoken with the District. The District's central administration was as surprised as I was upon receiving your letter since they had taken steps to ensure that the student from Alice Robertson Middle School did not attend the "Spring Tea." Unfortunately, the administration did not even think about the two (2) magnet schools Sadler Art Academy (K-8th) and Ben Franklin Science Academy (Pre-K-8th) since they had never participated in the past and had never been asked to participate in the past. It appears that when Alice Robertson Middle School declined to send students to the "Spring Tea," the organizers of the event contacted Ben Franklin and Sadler, who then attended. Even though it appears that the "Spring Tea" organizers have taken religious references out of their presentation to comply with State and Federal law, the District's central administration wants nothing to do with the "Spring Tea" in the future. Accordingly, an e-mail is being sent to all administrators, regardless of the grades they supervise, that the District will not send any students to the "Spring Tea". In addition, Jim Wilson, Asst. Superintendent, will be sending a letter to the organizers of the "Spring Tea" that no students from the Muskogee Public Schools will attend the "Spring Tea" in the future, and that no request to attend should be given to any employee or student of the Muskogee Public Schools to attend the "Spring Tea" during school or duty time or as representatives of the District.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Mike Garde, Supt.
Mr. Jim Wilson, Asst. Supt.