



EFFINGHAM UNIT DISTRICT 40

Mark E. Doan, Superintendent

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Freedom From Religion Foundation
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Dear Mr. Jayne:

This letter is in response to your March 12, 2018 inquiry concerning the Christ's Church January 27, 2018 event at Effingham CUSD 40's Central Grade School and the church's promotion of same. You are correct that the use of District facilities was pursuant to a content neutral school board policy in which outside community organizations are allowed the use of facilities on a space available basis. A copy of Board Policy 8:20 is enclosed herewith. In this case, a written request and proof of liability insurance was submitted per District procedures.

The only oversight that occurred is that the District allowed flyers to be distributed to students concerning the weekend event during a secular presentation about dinosaurs to students at Central Grade School without thorough inspection. To correct this oversight in the future, the school district has implemented a practice that will require the Superintendent of Schools to approve in advance all fliers that will be distributed to students. This way we can help insure that no non-secular material will be distributed to students.

I hope this satisfies your concerns. Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Mark Doan, Superintendent

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