

SOUTH SIDE BEE BRANCH

334 Southside Road, Bee Branch, AR. 72013

Aaron Hosman, Ed. D.
Superintendent of Schools

Telephone 501-654-2200
Fax 501-654-2336

Michelle Wilson, President

Ryan Stacks, Vice President

Kristen Smith, Secretary

Derick Fortenberry, Board Member

Travis Love, Board Member

NOV 18 2019

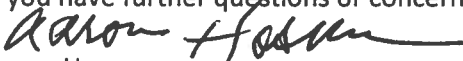
November 13, 2019

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

Dear Mr. Line:

I did receive the alleged complaint via email, dated November 12, 2019. In response, I have met with our coaching staff who was responsible for the activity. In my conversation with the coaches, I did agree with the activity that was specifically designed for student athletes to thank their teachers for their hard work, energy, and dedication to student growth. However, I also pointed out that we cannot connect religion and the threat of discipline and punishment to such activity. The South Side School District will continue, as a learning/writing activity, to ask its students to thank those who have been instrumental in their development as human beings, whether teachers or other individuals. At the same time, we will refrain from bringing religion and the threat of discipline and punishment into that learning activity.

If you have further questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.


Aaron Hosman
Superintendent of Schools