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Dear Mr. Jayne:

Your letter indicating your opinion that the school board's long tradition of commencing its meetings with prayer was received by the district on June 7, 2017. Your email to individual board members was also received by board members individually on or about June 1, 2017.

Upon advice of our school counsel, the school board's practice of including prayer as a part of board meetings will be discontinued until the United States resolves the split between the Circuits on this issue sometime in the future, perhaps by following the most recent and well-reasoned Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *American Humanist Association v. McCarty*, 851 F.3d 521, and its own town council prayer case in *Town of Greece v. Galloway*, 134 5.Ct. 1811.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kevin Scott, president".

Kevin Scott, President
Southern Wells Community Schools Board

Cc: Board members: Mr. Westfall, Mr. Durham, Mr. Fiechter