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Christopher Line
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Re: Allegation of unconstitutional religious promotion in
Toombs County High School Football program

Dear Mr. Line,

I represent the Toombs County School System and your letter of February 13, 2019, has been forwarded to me, for a reply.

Immediately following your letter of October 2, 2018, the Superintendent of the Toombs County School System made inquiries with staff and of the school system's written policies and procedures, in order to investigate the allegation and to discern whether or not the alleged religious practice was sponsored or promoted by the Toombs County School System.

Following a review of the matter it was determined that the post game activity, which was led by Pastor Toole, was not authorized, sponsored, or promoted by the Toombs County School System. However, it was agreed that staff of the Toombs County School System should not be participating in any form of religious activity with students, on school property and likewise, should not be posting any form of religious statements on school related social media. The Toombs County School Board was notified of the prior activity and the Superintendent implemented steps to avoid similar activity in the future at any Toombs County School System event.

School staff and coaches have been directed not to lead or organize any religious activity with students on any school property or at any school event. Please note though, that although the Toombs County School System does not and will not sponsor or endorse any particular religious activity by its staff and students, it cannot and will not impair the free practice of religion by its students. If students, on their own

initiative and volition, desire to make some form of public prayer following a sports event, the Toombs County School System shall not be responsible or liable for their activities.

Please feel free to call my office with any further questions that you may have about this matter.

Sincerely,

Tom Everett

cc: Barry Waller, Superintendent