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Christopher Line Freedom From Religion Foundation

Dear Mr. Line:

Thank you for reaching out regarding the issues you mentioned in your correspondence of June 3, 2021. Understand, that we will do a thorough investigation into each issue that was mentioned. We have contacted Andy Fugitt at The Center for Education Law to assist us in analyzing the issues.

We do in fact have a chapter of Fellowship of Christian Athletes, that is spearheaded by a student leadership group. The adult sponsor that is in charge is there for supervision purposes.

As far as the Crossing Home ministry, it is not intended to be associated with Arapaho-Butler Public Schools or Arapaho-Butler FCA. Through initial investigation, we see where Matt Oakes as well as Laci Friesen posted recordings to Mr. Oakes' Crossing Home Facebook Page that were recorded on school premises. This was done without our knowledge. This has been addressed and will not happen in the future. We requested that the videos that were made on school property be removed from the site in which they were posted, and we understand this has occurred.

What Mr. Oakes chooses to do or to post during his personal time, should not reflect on his position as teacher or coach at Arapaho-Butler Public Schools. It is the policy of Arapaho-Butler Public Schools that no teacher or coach should use their position to promote or endorse their religious beliefs on students. We will discuss this with each of our employees in-depth to make sure they understand the ramifications.

Thank you again for your time.

Jay Edelen, Superintendent