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Tony Helfrich, Superintendent ~ David Schmidt, Assistant Superintendent

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Christopher Line Staff Attorney Freedom From Religion Foundation PO Box 750 Madison, WI 53701

Dear Mr. Line:

Thank you for your letter dated November 3, 2020. Upon receiving your letter, I investigated the claims set forth in the letter. I intend for our schools to follow the constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

While I was not able to corroborate some of the claims regarding alleged statements over the intercom, I did find some areas of concern, and we have addressed those to see that those actions in question are discontinued. I do believe this has been a recent development and, therefore, we will be able to remedy those concerns promptly. We will continue to monitor the particular issues detailed in the letter.

Regarding our students' participation in the "Operation Christmas Child," we are discontinuing that effort upon learning that its mission is more sectarian in nature than we realized.

Respectfully,

Tony Helfrich

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