

May 12, 2011

Larry Smith, Chairman
McNairy County Schools
170 W Court Ave
Selmer, TN 38375

Re: 3rd Letter - Prayers at School Board Meetings

Dear Mr. Smith:

Our national organization has written two letters to you concerning the practice of opening School Board meetings with prayer. In the original letter dated November 24, 2010, which I have attached for your review, we indicated that the Sixth Circuit has struck down the practice of opening School Board meetings with prayer. A follow-up letter was sent to you on February 9, 2011.

To date we have not received a response to either of our letters. Given the nature of this egregious violation of the law, we again request that you notify us in writing of the steps you have taken to ensure that Board has discontinued the practice of praying at its meetings.

Sincerely,

Rebecca S. Markert
Staff Attorney

Enclosure