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VIA U.S. MAIL

Freedom from Religion Foundation  
Attn: Attorney Lawrence  
P.O. Box 750  
Madison, WI 53701

RE: Unconstitutional Prayer  
Battle Creek Middle School

Dear Ms. Lawrence:

I am in receipt of your letter received June 5, 2023, regarding an incident at the Battle Creek Middle School promotion and awards ceremony. I appreciate that the Freedom From Religion Foundation has brought this to my attention. It is the goal of Maury County Public Schools to make every student feel welcome and included. As such, we take these issues very seriously.

I have investigated this incident and spoken with Principal [REDACTED]. The actions of Principal [REDACTED] violated the school district's policies and procedures. I have issued a private letter of concern, and he has been instructed not to repeat this behavior going forward.

In response to this incident, we will provide additional training to our staff in order to prevent similar occurrences in the future. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lisa Ventura".

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Superintendent

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