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Samantha F. Lawrence
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VIA EMAIL: slawrence@ffrf.org

Dear Samantha F. Lawrence,

I am writing in response to the letter that you sent, dated October 31, 2024, in which you communicated a concern about prayer at the beginning of meetings of the HRUSD Board of Trustees. We have consulted with legal counsel regarding your concern. Future Board meetings will no longer be opened with prayer. Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Matthew Shipley
Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Trustees