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**SENT VIA EMAIL & U.S. MAIL: [cbosch@lhsd.k12.oh.us](mailto:cbosch@lhsd.k12.oh.us)**

Christy Bosch  
Superintendent  
Logan-Hocking Local School District  
2019 E. Front St.  
Logan, OH 43138

Re: Unconstitutional religious uniform

Dear Superintendent Bosch:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) regarding a constitutional violation occurring at Logan-Hocking Local School District. FFRF is a national nonprofit organization with about 41,000 members across the country, including over 1,100 members and two chapters in Ohio. Our purposes are to protect the constitutional principle of separation between state and church, and to educate the public on matters relating to nontheism.

A concerned community member informs us that Logan High School's football team's official school-provided coach warmup gear features "Jesus Won" on the back.

We ask the District to investigate and ensure that Logan High School's official athletic gear does not have religious messages going forward.

It is well settled that public schools may not show favoritism towards or coerce belief or participation in religion. *See generally Lee v. Weisman*, 505 U.S. 577 (1992); *Wallace v. Jaffree*, 472 U.S. 38 (1985); *Epperson v. Arkansas*, 393 U.S. 97 (1967); *Sch. Dist. of Abington Twp. v. Schempp*, 374 U.S. 203 (1963); *Engel v. Vitale*, 370 U.S. 421 (1962); *McCullum v. Bd. of Educ.*, 333 U.S. 203 (1948). By including a blatantly religious message on official athletic gear provided to coaches, the school, and thus the District, demonstrates government favoritism toward Christianity.

"The preservation and transmission of religious beliefs and worship is . . . a choice committed to the private sphere." *Santa Fe Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Doe*, 530 U.S. 290 at 310 (quoting *Lee*, 505 U.S. 589). Religious coercion occurring within the District is particularly troubling for those parents and students who are not Christian or who are nonreligious. Logan-Hocking Local School District's "sponsorship of a religious message is impermissible because it sends the ancillary message to . . . nonadherents 'that they are outsiders, not full members of the political community, and an accompanying message to adherents that they are insiders, favored members of the political community.'" *Id.* at 309–10 (quoting *Lynch v. Donnelly*, 465 U.S. 668, 688 (1984) (O'Connor, J., concurring)). Thirty-eight percent of the American population is non-Christian,

including the almost 30 percent who are nonreligious.<sup>1</sup> More than half of Generation Z (those born after 1996) is non-Christian, including 43 percent who are nonreligious,<sup>2</sup> which likely includes at least some of the District's student-athletes.

Out of respect for the First Amendment, we ask the District to investigate and instruct the Logan High School athletics department to refrain from placing religious messages on official athletic gear going forward. Please respond in writing with the steps the District will take to resolve this constitutional violation so that we may inform our complainant. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charlotte R. Gude". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Charlotte" being more prominent than the last name "Gude".

Charlotte R. Gude  
*Patrick O'Reiley Legal Fellow*  
*Freedom From Religion Foundation*

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<sup>1</sup> Pew Research Center (2024), <http://bit.ly/3W6Cl3m>.

<sup>2</sup> Pew Research Center (2024), <http://bit.ly/48Drzce>.