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Re: Response to Inquiry Regarding Hart County High School Football Program

Dear Ms. Gude:

This letter responds to your correspondence dated October 20, 2026, regarding the Hart County High School football program.

Hart County Schools takes its constitutional obligations seriously and is committed to maintaining an environment that respects the constitutional rights of all students, families, and staff in accordance with state and federal law.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Upon receiving your letter, the District initiated an internal review of the matter. District administration met with the principal, athletic director, and head football coach to review District policies and relevant legal standards governing religious expression and employee conduct during school-sponsored athletic events.

Specifically, the head football coach and building administration will remind other coaching staff that while students retain the right to engage in voluntary, student-led religious expression, District employees and volunteers may not initiate, lead, direct, or encourage student prayer during official school activities.

The District considers this matter addressed and will continue working to ensure all programs operate in full compliance with constitutional guidelines.

Sincerely,

Bo Chenoweth

Burke "Bo" Chenoweth
Superintendent
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