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Re: Parental Opt-Out from LGBTQ+-related Instruction and Curriculum

Dear

On June 27, 2025, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in *Mahmoud v. Taylor (2025)* that when “parents assert” a sincerely held religious belief that conflicts with LGBTQ+ themed books, curricula, or other discussions or teachings based around, whether directly or indirectly, sexual identity, sexual activity, sexual safety, gender ideology, sexually-akin content, or simply put: any **"objectionable materials"** *that they may direct to opt-out their children from such.*

As the Court explained: “The right of parents ‘to direct the religious upbringing of their children would be an empty promise if it did not follow those children into the public school classroom.” The Court further emphasized: “There are few religious acts more important than the religious education of their children,” and that “the practice of educating one’s children in one’s religious beliefs, like all religious acts and practices, receives a generous measure of protection from the Constitution.”

In accordance with this ruling and based on our sincerely held religious beliefs, **I hereby** formally notify you that effective immediately, my child(ren) are to be excluded from all instruction, discussion, activities, surveys, texts, or exposure to material that are objectionable material.

“Objectionable materials” include, but are not limited to, any materials, curriculum, or discussions involving gender identity (e.g., gender fluidity, transgenderism, gender non-conformance, gender affirming care, puberty blockers, hormone therapy, or the use of pronouns inconsistent with biological sex), human sexuality (e.g. sexual preferences, sexual activity or intercourse of any kind, sexual orientation, or any LGBTQ+ topics), and topics that may be directly or indirectly related to the above stated topics (sex-akin.) Furthermore, “objectionable materials” shall be construed to include materially related behavior or topic-related “student safety” policies (e.g. preferred pronoun policies, bathroom or locker room policies that allow for more than one biological sex.)

Should there be any question whether the materials/discussions may conflict with our sincerely held religious beliefs, whether or not arising from a conflict with board policy, statutory law, or other imposing legal imposition, you must contact us and provide written notification of the issue at which time we may determine whether or not to opt out our child from exposure, curriculum, discussion, class, etc.

This notice shall remain effective indefinitely for every school year during which my child is enrolled in your district. Should any district policy, statute, or legal imposition require annual renewal of this opt-out notice, you must notify me in writing. Failure to do so may result in liability for violation of our constitutional rights and/or religious discrimination.

Please understand that this letter is not submitted in hostility or as a personal attack. Rather, it is a good-faith exercise of our rights and responsibilities. Even if you or others may disagree with our views, we respectfully request that our beliefs and rights be honored, and that our family be treated with dignity and respect. In the event that the school district, its employees, or third parties associated with the school fail to respect such rights, please be on notice that we will seek legal counsel and all legal remedies to ensure your compliance, as well as obtain damages and attorneys' fees.

Please confirm receipt of my request.

Sincerely,

Parent/Advocate/Guardian of:

Signed