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Mr. Patrick Elliott, Staff Attorney
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Via CMRRR 7010 2780 0002 7630 0179

Re: Letter to Amarillo ISD Dated January 14, 2011

Dear Mr. Elliott:

The Underwood Law Firm represents the Amarillo Independent School District ("the District" or "AISD"). I am writing on behalf of the District in response to your letter dated January 14, 2011, in which you allege that Tascosa High School choir director Bill Talley conducted illegal prayer. Tascosa High School Principal Dr. Lynn Pulliam reviewed the allegations set forth in your letter, and discussed each issue in detail with Mr. Talley. Both AISD and Mr. Talley understand that teachers may not, while acting in their official capacity, encourage or discourage prayer, or actively participate in such activity with students.

AISD works hard to protect the rights of all of its students, including both students who choose to pray or meditate in a manner that is not disruptive and those students who choose not to exercise their right to private prayer or meditation. In that regard, the District appreciates you bringing the concerns set forth in your letter to its attention. Please know that AISD has thoroughly addressed the concerns you raised, and does not expect for you to receive any future complaints.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions regarding this response.

Sincerely,


Andrea Slater Gulley

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cc: Mr. Rod Schroder, Superintendent
Mr. Stan Chatman, Cluster Director
Dr. Lynn Pulliam, Principal, Tascosa High School