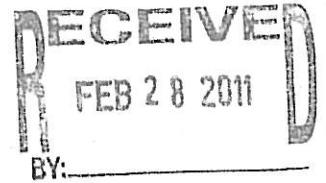


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Russell H. Johnson III, Principal

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DATE: October 12, 2010
TO: Dr. Wayne M. Talley, Superintendent
FROM: Russell H. Johnson
RE: Response to ffrf Letter, 10/11/2010

In response to the letter dated 10/11/2010 from the Freedom From Religion Foundation, referencing daily prayer before lunch in a Stocks Elementary School Kindergarten classroom, the following actions have been taken:

- The letter was shared with the seven Kindergarten teachers at Stocks on October 12, 2010.
- The case law and Board Policies were reviewed and discussed with the seven Kindergarten teachers at Stocks on October 12, 2010.
- Teachers were directed to stop all prayer immediately in the Kindergarten classrooms at Stocks Elementary School.
- Teachers were advised to reflect on their instructional practice, the NCSCOS and instruction as they relate to the study of cultures/religious practice, and on the inclusion of personal religious expressions in the classroom.
- Teachers were given the opportunity to ask questions and discuss this issue.
- All teachers will be reminded to immediately refrain from any expression of religious viewpoints and prayer in the classroom.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Russell H. Johnson".

Russell H. Johnson, Principal
Stocks Elementary School