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Re: Prayer in Algebra Classroom

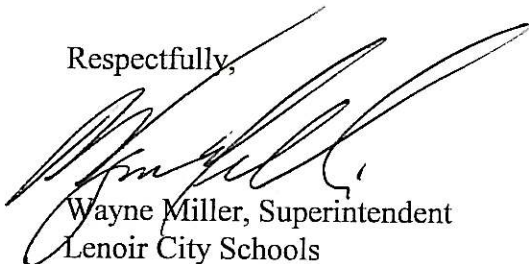
Dear Ms. Markert:

I am writing in response to your letter dated April 20, 2011 concerning Ms. Christine Haire. Per your request, I have conducted an investigation regarding the complaint about prayer in her classroom. I did in fact verify that there had been an occasion when Ms. Haire was asked by students if they could have prayer prior to an exam. Ms. Haire mistakenly assumed that if all students indicated a desire to conduct a class prayer, she could allow them to do so.

Ms. Haire has issued a written apology to my office and demonstrated a clear understanding of this issue. Ms. Haire is a very professional employee and I have no hesitation in assuring you that this issue will no longer be a problem in her classroom. I have also included this topic on the agenda of a principal's meeting to further assure compliance with all laws regarding this matter.

Upon meeting with Ms. Haire, receiving her written response and conducting a discussion during an administrative principal's meeting, I will consider this matter resolved. Should you have any further questions please feel free to contact me at (865) 986-8058.

Respectfully,



Wayne Miller, Superintendent
Lenoir City Schools

cc: Steven Millsaps, Principal Lenoir City High School
Christine Haire, LCHS Algebra teacher