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**SENT VIA U.S. MAIL AND FAX
(216) 475-1824**

Ms. Linda Reid
Superintendent
Garfield Heights City School District
5640 Briarcliff Dr.
Garfield Heights OH 44125

Re: Illegal Maple Leaf Intermediate School Church Visit

Dear Superintendent Reid:

I am writing as a follow-up to a letter that the Freedom From Religion Foundation sent you on May 20, 2010, concerning a Maple Leaf Intermediate School field trip to a church. In that letter, we asked that you cancel the inappropriate and unconstitutional field trip. We have not received a response.

However, it is our understanding that on May 26, 2010, the school canceled the scheduled visit to Garfield Heights Church of the Nazarene and we are pleased with that development. But, we understand that the school arranged for an after school visit to the church on June 2, 2010, and there were a substantial number of child participants.

We write to you again to ask for written assurances that school will not promote or facilitate church visits in future years whether as field trips or after school, as these are illegal and inappropriate. We also are requesting the details of the after school visit to the church that occurred on June 2. How were students and their parents informed of the visit and how were students escorted to the church? As discussed in our prior letter, any promotion of a church visit by school officials is unconstitutional. Please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick Elliott'.

Patrick C. Elliott
Attorney