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Pursuant to ORS 327.109, I interviewed Superintendent Andy Dey of Eugene School District today to inquire about the use of human sexuality curriculum derived from a religious entity (Our Whole Lives curriculum, developed by the Universalist Association and United Church of Christ).

During the interview, I learned the following information:

1. The human sexuality class that used the Our Whole Lives curriculum is not being taught this upcoming term.
2. Eugene School District is in the process of adopting new human sexuality curricula, which it plans to adopt before next teaching the class.
3. Eugene School District currently has no plans to incorporate the Our Whole Lives curriculum as part of the new human sexuality curricula.

On the basis of this information, I am finding that there is not a substantial basis that Eugene School District is sponsoring a religion.

Please note: My finding is not based on the content of the curriculum, itself. I have not evaluated whether the Our Whole Lives curriculum actually sponsors a religion. It has been reported that the curriculum is “not specifically faith based.” However, ODE has not had an opportunity to make its own determination on the substance of your complaint.

If you have any other concerns, do not hesitate to contact me.



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