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Sent: Friday, November 15, 2024 4:09 PM
To: Bill Crowson; REDACTED
Cc: Elliot R. Field; MAYER Mark * ODE; VASQUEZ Kay * ODE
Subject: Report or Complaint of possible religious activity filed with ODE on 2024 10 22

Dear Superintendent Crowson and REDACTED,

On October 22, 2024, the Oregon Department of Education (Department) received a report of possible religious entanglement by Monroe School District (District). The Department relies on concerned citizen reports to ensure that state funds are not used to sponsor, financially support, or endorse religious activity.

The report alleged that the Good News Club/Child Evangelism Fellowship, a religious organization, was meeting with Monroe School students for released time on school property during the instructional day. Per statute (ORS 327.109), the Department is mandated to conduct a preliminary investigation of the facts alleged in the report. On November 12, 2024, during the Department's preliminary investigation period, District provided the following information and notice to the Department:

"It is [Superintendent Crowson's] understanding that the Good News Club has met at Monroe Elementary in previous years. Upon receiving the complaint, on October 25, 2024, the District suspended Good News Club meetings on District premises during instructional hours. No District students participate in the Good News Club during school hours on school premises. The District does not sponsor, financially support, nor is it actively involved with religious activity on its campuses, nor will it going forward."

Based on the information and notice that, as of October 25, 2024, the Good News Club/Child Evangelism Fellowship is no longer meeting with students for released time on school property during the instructional day, the Department determines that this matter is now a moot case. In other words, a case or controversy no longer exists; therefore, the Department will not continue the investigation or take further action at this time.

Please consider this email as notice that this case is now closed.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,
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