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Via Facsimile to 501-447-1159 and Regular Mail

Dr. Morris Holmes
Superintendent
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Dear Dr. Holmes:

1. the district's use of Internet filtering software to block websites that fall into the category of "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," "Abortion," "Sex Education," "Alternative Spirituality / Belief," "Religion" "Political / Activist Group" or any similar category at high schools in the district;
2. the district's use of Internet filtering software to block GSANetwork.org, and GLSEN.org;
3. any requests to the school district by students, teachers, staff, administrators, or anyone else to block or unblock specific websites and the resolution of such requests;
4. which categories of websites were selected to be blocked pursuant to the default configuration of the Internet filtering software (i.e. the configuration in place at the time the software was initially installed);
5. who made the decision to activate the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," "Abortion," "Sex Education," "Alternative Spirituality / Belief," "Religion" "Political / Activist Group" or similar filter category, when the decision was made, and any communications concerning that decision;
6. the Internet filtering provider(s)' knowledge that the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," "Abortion," "Sex Education," "Alternative Spirituality / Belief," "Religion" "Political / Activist Group" or similar filter category had been (or would be) enabled on the district's Internet filtering software;
7. communications between the Internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of the Little Rock School District concerning which categories of websites had been (or would be) blocked;
8. contracts and agreements, including maintenance and service agreements, between the Internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of the Little Rock School District or other government office, such as, but not limited to the Arkansas Department of Education;

As used in this request, the term "records" includes but is not limited to all documents, papers, letters, lists, emails, contracts, maps, books, photographs, microfilms, electronic data processing files and output, films, sound recordings, information stored or maintained electronically or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics or any copy thereof. Please note that the term "record" refers to those items in your possession, custody, or control, or those items which were, but are no longer, in your possession, custody, or control.

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To the extent that any of the requested records are available electronically, please send them to me at [REDACTED]. Any records not available electronically please mail to me at the address above.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at [REDACTED].

Sincerely,



Holly Dickson