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Mr. Anthony E. Rothert
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454 Whittier Street
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Re: Camdenton R-III School District

Dear Mr. Rothert:

As legal counsel to the Camdenton School District, I have been requested to respond to your May 24, 2011 correspondence to Superintendent Hadfield.

I have reviewed your initial correspondence and your response to Superintendent Hadfield's response. Your response makes a number of assumptions that are false. The filter system utilized by the District is not based upon or inclusive of the "URL Blacklist" that you reference. Moreover, the rationale for filtering websites based upon "sexuality" is legitimate and should not be assumed to be a part of a filtering system with which you find objectionable. The term "sexuality" has legitimate screening meaning outside the URL filter.

Moreover, the District has not and does not take any action to discourage formation of student clubs that may be focused on alternative life styles. Rather, students wishing to form such an organization are required to satisfy the requirements of other student groups and once formed are accorded the same privileges.

Please direct all further communication regarding this matter exclusively to my attention.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Mickes

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cc: Superintendent Tim Hadfield