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Two Giles Co. families come forward to sue school system for posting of Ten Commandments

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GILES COUNTY, Va.

Two Giles County families have come forward to pursue legal action against the Giles County School system for the posting of the Ten Commandments in its schools. Annie Laurie Gaylor, co-president of the Freedom from Religion Foundation, confirmed the Wisconsin-based group is planning to go forward with legal action. She said the lawsuit would likely be filed through the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia and the Freedom from Religion Foundation's attorney would act as co-counsel.

However, Gaylor said nothing has been filed yet and the language is being perfected.

The group and the ACLU plan to seek a protective order to keep the families' names confidential.

Gaylor said the families have students in Giles County Schools and came forward in the last few weeks.

She said the school system would have "no prayer with this challenge".

At the end of last year, the Commandments came down from all school walls when the Foundation sent a letter stating it was unconstitutional.

Last month, the school board reversed the decision, and hung them back up.

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Inmyopinion82 at 4:01 PM February 16, 2011

This is absolutely ridiculous! If you dont like that they are hanging there, dont look at them! Simple resolution! Keep the decision reversed and keep them hanging!!! If you dont stand for something, you will stand for nothing. Im proud of Giles County Schools for taking a stand!!!

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tegurl at 4:17 PM February 16, 2011

Maybe we should ship these "families" overseas to play in the sand with at-Quaida for a little while...maybe then, they would seek God's word!

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carlton at 6:13 PM February 17, 2011

Spoken like a "true" Christian

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bvhuskyma at 4:18 PM February 16, 2011

Seems to me that we would want our children to recognize the ten commandments, since they are the basis for the laws we live by in our society. Thou shall not kill - murder, a felony. Thou shall not steal - larceny, shoplifting and theft, misdemeanors and felonies. Thou shall not lie - purgery, a felony. Thou shall not lust after anothers spouse - adultery, still on the law books in Virginia. Thou shall honor our father and mother, if we had more of this, the jails and prisons wouldn't be as crowded as they are. Seems to me that we as society says it's okay to abide by the laws yet then we say the ten commandments and the bible have no place in our government and schools. I think we already abide by the ten commandments, unless we plan on changing all of our laws. The ten commandments are the basis of our laws. If they take them down, I will take my children out of public schools and teach them at home. I don't want them taught by hipocrites. You can't have it both ways. Whether you like it or not, we practice the ten commandments each and every day also known as THE LAW.

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carlton at 6:12 PM February 17, 2011

If you'll practice them ALL, I'll go along. Oh, wait, Thou shalt not kill. Oops, that means you would have to give up one of your favorites--the death penalty.

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