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October 9, 2014

Jeremy D. Tedesco, Senior Legal Counsel
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Re: Pine Creek High School

Via Fax to 480-444-0028

Dear Mr. Tedesco:

I am responding to your letter of October 7, 2014 to Mrs. Van Matre and Dr. Hatchell on behalf of Chase Windebanks, a senior at Pine Creek High School. In accordance with the Equal Access Act, non-curriculum related groups, such as Chase's prayer group, may meet at Pine Creek High School during non-instructional time. Our administrative policy JJA defines "noninstructional time." "For purposes of this policy, 'noninstructional time' means time set aside by each school before actual classroom instruction begins or after actual classroom instruction ends, and may include specific activity periods set aside for this purpose." Seminar at Pine Creek is not homeroom time. It is class time and it is considered instructional time. No non-curricular clubs are permitted to meet during that time period at Pine Creek High School. Therefore, Mr. Windebanks may resume his prayer meetings at Pine Creek High School, but he must do so during non-instructional time, that is before 7:45 a.m. when classes begin, and after 2:45 p.m., when classes end for the day.

Academy School District 20 and our administrators are well aware of our obligations under federal and state law and work hard to abide by all legal requirements. We hope you now understand that we have not violated Chase's constitutional rights. I invite you to call me at 719-234-1216 if I can clarify any additional information for you.

Sincerely,



Patricia P. Richardson
 Director for Legal Relations
 CO Attorney Registration Number 24076

cc: Dr. Mark Hatchell, Superintendent
 Mrs. Linda Van Matre, President, Academy School District 20 Board of Education

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