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VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

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Dear Sam,

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I have confirmed that today's Day of Silence activities at Greenbrier High School were able to occur with little controversy. I also understand that students were able to wear t-shirts expressing their support for LGBT issues with no problems. I want to thank you for your quickness and flexibility in resolving this issue on behalf of Greenbrier High School students. The additional security the school provided today was much appreciated.

To confirm our multiple conversations on Monday and Tuesday of this week, Cole (and any student) can feel free to wear t-shirts expressing support for the LGBT community (and specifically Cole's shirt that was the center of this dispute which read "I (heart) Lady Gay Gay") without being censored because of the content of the message such shirts promote. Additionally, we have shared with you our concerns about the persistent harassment and bullying of LGBT students (Cole in particular) based on their perceived or actual sexual orientation or gender identity. You have agreed to ensure that both faculty and staff will be reminded of the policies the school board has in place regarding these issues and the mechanisms by which complaints may be reported. Additionally, you have addressed specific concerns related to particular district employees who were not appropriately dealing with this situation.

Again, I thank you for the swiftness in your response to our concerns in this matter and appreciate your willingness to work with us to protect the rights of all students in the Robertson County Schools.

With kindest personal regards,

Tricia Herzfeld
Staff Attorney