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To: Sammi Lawrence <slawrence@ffrf.org>
Cc: Matt Langer <mlanger@ffrf.org>
Date: 09/23/2026 9:22 AM
Subject: Re: FFRF Letter Regarding Unconstitutional Religious Field Trip

Dear Ms. Lawrence,

Thank you for your September 22 letter regarding the planned Lakeside Primary kindergarten field trip to Family Farm.

After reviewing the concerns outlined in your correspondence, we have decided not to proceed with the field trip to Family Farm as originally scheduled. Your letter specifically requested that the District ensure the October 1 field trip is completely secular or, if that could not be assured, that the trip be changed to a secular venue and activity.

We are currently planning an alternate location for the field trip that will address the concerns raised in your letter. We intend to preserve the opportunity for our kindergarten students and their families to enjoy this special experience together while ensuring the school-sponsored activity is appropriate for all students. We are considering the local Mid America Science Museum and a local botanical garden as options.

Lakeside respects the individual religious beliefs of all of our students, families, and staff. We also recognize our responsibility as a public school district to ensure that school-sponsored educational opportunities do not promote or favor particular religious beliefs or practices.

Thank you for bringing your concerns to our attention. We believe changing the field trip location appropriately addresses the issues outlined in your correspondence while still allowing our students to participate in the educational and social experience originally planned.

Sincerely,

Bruce Orr
Superintendent
Lakeside School District

On Tue, Sep 22, 2026 at 11:57 AM Matt Langer <mlanger@ffrf.org> wrote:

Dear Superintendent Orr:

I am writing on behalf of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, a nationwide nonprofit organization that works to protect the constitutional principle of separation of state and church. Please review the attached letter from Staff Attorney Samantha Lawrence (CC'ed). This letter was also sent via U.S. Mail.

We look forward to your response. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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