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**Via Email: josh@joshbrownesq.com**

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**Re: Your Follow-Up Letter to Hilliard City Schools**

Mr. Brown:

We have received your follow-up letter in which you stated that the District's response "took us closer to resolution." I can't help but notice, though, that your first request had one interrogatory and this follow-up request has more than quadrupled in size. I called you at your office after receiving the letter and left a message requesting to discuss, but you did not return my call. I understand that you then held a community meeting to discuss a lawsuit against the District on these very issues and sought to raise \$30,000.00 from residents for what was described as possibly two years of litigation. If that is the intent, our written exchange or discussion is pointless.

With regard to your questions concerning Board Policy and whether various hypotheticals would conform with or violate them, the Board's policies are all available online at the [District webpage](#). Regarding your questions concerning parents' rights to direct the upbringing of their children, you cited U.S. Supreme Court case law in your first letter (see, e.g., *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57 (2000)). I assume you are aware of the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals decision in *Blau v. Fort Thomas Pub. Sch. Dist.*, 401 F.3d 381, 395-96 (6<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2005) and a case that was recently decided outside our jurisdiction looking at similar issues (and discussing the case you cited). See, *John and Jane Parents 1, et al. v. Montgomery County Board of Education, et al.*, 2022 WL 3544256 (Aug. 18, 2022).

The District is committed to working with parents on any specific concerns they may have about their child's education, and parents are encouraged to bring any specific concerns directly to the District's attention so they may be addressed. I remain available if you would like to reach out to discuss.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jessica K. Philemond'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Jessica K. Philemond

Cc: David Stewart, Superintendent