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## VIA FACSIMILE: (816) 756-0136

Mr. Doug Bonney Chief Counsel & Legal Director ACLU of Kansas & Western Missouri 3601 Main Street Kansas City, MO 64111

RE: North Kansas City School District/Web Filtering

Dear Mr. Bonney:

As you are aware, our firm represents the North Kansas City School District ("District") in matters of a legal nature. I am writing in response to your letter to Dr. Todd White dated March 28, 2011, regarding web filtering of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) content at Oak Park High School. Direct all future correspondence regarding this matter and any future legal matters to us.

The District was unaware of web filtering of any LGBT content at Oak Park High School when it received your letter on March 28, 2011. The District has a process for students to request that sites be unblocked and the District honors them routinely. The District never received a request regarding the above-mentioned websites and was unaware, until it received your letter, that they were inaccessible. Had your client, Molly Mendenhall, or any other authorized user, requested that the District unblock the websites in question, the District would have honored the request.

In your letter, you assert that Oak Park High School's internet filtering software improperly denies students access to websites for GSA Network (gsanetwork.org) and Day of Silence (dayofsilence.org). Following receipt of your letter, the District immediately reviewed the matter and unblocked access to GSA Network (gsanetwork.org) and Day of Silence (dayofsilence.org).

For the record, the District does not block websites or students' access to websites on the basis of content related to LGBT individuals. If your client had simply made the District aware

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of the issue, the matter could have been resolved upon her request that the site be unblocked. If your client becomes aware of other issues regarding the use of the District's technology resources, please have her simply follow the process for unblocking access to websites or the student complaint process available to her.

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Sincerely,

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