

September 17, 2015

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*Via U.S. Mail, Fax (864-461-4137), & Email (tom.ezell@spartanburg2.k12.sc.us)*

Re: Chesnee High School Student Brianna Popour

Dear Principal Ezell,

We write to follow-up on our letter that we sent on the morning of September 16, 2015. We are encouraged that this issue may soon be resolved, but respectfully request that you confirm in writing the school's new position.

We understand from Brianna Popour that you had a conversation with her in the middle of the day on September 16, 2015. Because neither we nor Ms. Popour's mother were present at that conversation, we would ask that you confirm the school's position on the following issues:

- Ms. Popour is free to wear her t-shirt bearing the message "Nobody knows I'm a lesbian"—as well as any other t-shirt merely disclosing her sexual orientation—without any interference or discipline from school officials;
- Ms. Popour's school record does not reflect that any action was taken against her for wearing the t-shirt at issue, and furthermore, any negative effect on Ms. Popour for being sent home from school for wearing the t-shirt (e.g., missing classwork) has been or will be rectified; and
- Whether an apology is forthcoming from the school administrator who sent Ms. Popour home for wearing the t-shirt.

Per Ms. Popour's request, we also respectfully ask that any further written or verbal communication regarding this matter be communicated to us directly.

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Thank you very much for your prompt attention to this matter, and we look forward to an amicable resolution to this matter for all involved.

Sincerely,



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