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James Klahr
Executive Director

October 28, 2013

Bleau Deckerd
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Re: Case No: 13E106

Dear Mr. Deckerd:

The Missouri Ethics Commission considered at the October 25, 2013 meeting the complaint filed against you. The Commission reviewed the allegation that you, in violation of chapter 115, RSMo, used public funds to support a ballot measure when you sent an e-mail from the school district address asking voters to vote "yes" on a school ballot measure.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss this case because the Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe that the e-mail was sent using public funds. However, the nature of this e-mail, sent to promote a school ballot measure just days before the election, along with the facts that the e-mail was sent from the address alterburgpublicschool@gmail.com and closed with the line "Mr. Deckerd and the APS School Board" understandably could lead recipients of the e-mail to believe the e-mail was sent from the school e-mail address and therefore sent using public funds.

While the Commission is dismissing the complaint, the Commission cautions you to avoid the appearance of impropriety regarding actions on behalf of the school board and to carefully consider the provisions of Section 115.646, RSMo, in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "James Klahr".

James Klahr
Executive Director

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