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## STATEMENT OF LAW DIRECTOR ON COVENANT RECORDS CASE

The Court has ruled that the Metropolitan Government acted properly in not immediately releasing the shooter's journals and other investigative records. By adopting some of the legal arguments raised by the Covenant parents, the Court also endorsed our decision to ask the Court at the beginning of the case to give the Covenant parents and other impacted parties the opportunity to present their own arguments related to the records.

This case presented important issues, some of which are cases of first impression. Chancellor Myles issued a well-crafted ruling that will likely be cited by courts around the country. The ongoing criminal investigation by the Metropolitan Nashville Police Department is in its final stages. When the MNPB concludes its investigation, records in the file, other than the shooter's writings and records related to school safety or other statutory exceptions, will be released.