



THE SATANIC TEMPLE

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Superintendent Michelle King

Unified School District

333 South Beaudry Avenue

Los Angeles, CA 90017

Dear Mrs Michelle King:

On June 11, 2001, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Child Evangelism Fellowship could have access to public school facilities to conduct Good News Club meetings. The decision stated that religious clubs such as the Good News Club must be given the same access to school facilities accorded any other non-school related group.

Many school districts across the country (including yours) have (or have had) Good News Clubs using their facilities. As a result, those schools have opened their doors to school clubs of all religious viewpoints. While The Good News Club is “working together with parents and the school to build solid moral and spiritual character into the lives of their children” based on their religious point of view, The Satanic Temple (TST) also has plans to enrich the lives of children in your district.

TST is a religious organization that seeks to encourage benevolence and empathy among all people. In addition, TST embraces practical common sense and promotes justice. TST facilitates the communication and mobilization of politically aware Satanists, secularists, and other advocates for individual liberty.

Today TST is active in a rapidly growing number of states and is expanding just as rapidly into foreign countries, fighting for Free Speech, Religious Liberty, and rational, science-based inquiry and education. TST's "After School Satan Clubs" are led by caring Satanists from local chapters in the community near the school. These teachers receive specialized training from TST and a background check is performed on every teacher we approve.

The After School Satan Club (ASSC) meets once a month immediately after school for one to one and a half hours. The meeting day will be determined in accordance with the schedule of existing after school activities. ASSC meetings typically include a healthy snack, literature lesson, creative learning activities, science lesson, puzzle solving, and art project. Every child receives a membership card and must have a signed parental permission slip to attend.

The ASSC curriculum is based on principles that teach secular moral values, critical thinking, and self-determination. All children are welcome regardless of their religious background and parents are also welcome to attend. Safety is a priority and there will always be two or more adults with the children at all times. In addition, your school district will be provided a Certificate of Insurance for liability.

We would like to offer ASSC to the elementary-age children in Chase Street Elementary in your district. The purpose of this letter is to respectfully request that Los Angeles Unified School District allow The Satanic Temple's ASSC to use school facilities after school hours. We would also like to distribute the enclosed permission slips to children in each school in your district. In addition, we would like ASSC leaders to have a table or booth at the "back to school" night in each school to promote the club.

In replying to this letter, please provide us with a copy of your district policies and procedures related to "usage of facility" in your school.

It is our desire to support your district, to contribute constructively to your schools' programs, and to help children lead productive lives. We respectfully ask that you

consider this program and we look forward to receiving your positive response. We would appreciate if the permission slips could be disseminated to all of the principals in your district via e-mail and copied to me at: ali@thesatanictemplelosangeles.com. Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

The Satanic Temple Los Angeles