

THE ODYSSEY PROGRAM
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

July 11, 2001

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Mary Lou Piccard has applied for admission to kindergarten at The Odyssey Program for her twin girls, Emily and Madeleine. Ms. Piccard visited our school with the children so they could be evaluated by our admissions committee. The results of their evaluations were very positive, and we had sent a letter of acceptance, as well as a contract pending the signatures of the legal guardian(s) and the Director of The Odyssey Program. However, on June 6, 2001, Steve Bannon called me and said that he did not agree with Mary Lou's decision to place the twins at Odyssey. He said that he would refuse to pay tuition to Odyssey and that he would not allow them to be enrolled here with us. Steve Bannon also expressed to me that he did not want Emily and Madeleine to attend a progressive school. I replied to him that Odyssey is not a progressive school, but would be more accurately described as an academic, developmental school. He also said that if we decided to accept the twins, that he would sue me personally, as well as the school. He did agree to accept an appointment to visit the school the following day.

At the end of Mr. Bannon's visit to the school on June 7, 2001, he made it perfectly clear to me that he would not agree to this enrollment, thus, no tuition from him. He further said that if we did enroll his children he would sue me personally and the school. He stated that the court order did not say what Mary Lou was telling me or what her lawyer said in the interpretation in the court order. He left in a very angry mood, threatening me once again with a suit, as he strongly placed the brochure and school materials back in my hands.

On June 8, 2001, I received a letter from Mr. Bannon's lawyer, Lance Spiegel stating that Mr. Bannon's consent is necessary and that he does not agree to the proposed enrollment of the children. If Ms. Piccard attempts to unilaterally enroll the children, he would seek an appropriate restraining order.

Sincerely,


Dr. Steven R. Mecham, Director