
JUDGE SAYS SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST PRODUCE DOCUMENTS OR FOREGO DEFENSE ARGUMENT

U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson ordered the School District of Hillsborough County on February 7, 2007 to produce documentation requested by Don Conwell, Legal Counsel for Florida Family Association (FFA). The requested documentation relates directly to a new defense position the school district concocted ten months after FFA filed a lawsuit against them for blocking FFA subscriber emails. The judge left open the option to the school district to agree not to use their belated defense position if they choose not to produce the documentation.

An attorney for the school district complained to Magistrate Judge Wilson that it would cost (taxpayers) in

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BILLS PROMOTING HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA SLOW TO MOVE IN FLORIDA LEGISLATURE

Florida Family Association (FFA) reported in the February 2007 newsletter that numerous bills have been filed for the 2007 Florida Legislative Session which seek to advance the agenda of homosexual activists. These bills seek to grant special rights for homosexuals, authorize the state to allow homosexual couples to adopt children, create special status for homosexual students and create a special status in other laws.

FFA encouraged readers of last months newsletter to send postcards, letters and emails to urge the speaker of the Florida Speaker and Senate President to oppose all of these bills and others which may be offered that seek to give a special status to "sexual orientation" or authorize homosexuals to adopt children.

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EMAIL CAMPAIGN INFLUENCES MIAMI-DADE MAYOR NOT TO GRANT HOMOSEXUAL POLICIES

Florida Family Association's email campaign appears to have influenced Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Alvarez NOT to grant several public policy requests made by homosexual activists.

The Miami Herald reported on January 9th, 2007 that homosexual activists were pressuring the mayor to support domestic partnerships, extend marriage benefits to the homosexual partners of County employees, hire a homosexual liaison and oppose any pro-family efforts to stop special laws for homosexuals. The newspaper reported that Mayor Alvarez was considering these requests.

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MAJOR ADVERTISERS SAY NO TO FX CHANNEL'S PORN MOVIE

The week that FX began airing the show Dirt they also started airing a movie called "The Girl Next Door." Sadly, the imaging of this movie connects teenagers with the porn industry and appears to make the porn industry look acceptable for teens to participate in productions and socialize with porn actors and producers.

FFA wrote companies that advertised during several airings of this FX movie. Some responses include:

GEICO "We have recently contacted the FX network and instructed them that our advertisements should no longer appear during this program." Christine Tasher, Director, Public Relations.

HEWLETT-PACKARD "We have reiterated our guidelines to the FX network and have asked them to pay closer attention to the placement of our advertising." Scott Berg, Director, Worldwide Media.

FX has not aired the movie in the past five weeks.

WE WILL VIGOROUSLY OPPOSE PC

The School District of Hillsborough County voted to remove Good Friday from the 2007-2008 school calendar on February 27, 2007.

The Council of American Islamic Relations (CAIR) has worked to influence the removal of religious holidays after the school district declined the Muslim group's request to add Eid Al-Fitr as a holiday to the calendar in 2004.

The Tampa Tribune Editorial Board wrote numerous editorials calling on the School Board to secularize the school calendar. A calendar committee appointed by school officials included Good Friday as a day off until The Tampa Tribune condemned their actions and called on the school district to remove it.

The School District, heavily influenced by The Tampa Tribune, hid their political correct agenda to appease The Council of American Islamic Relations behind a litany of excuses. The School District claimed they had to eliminate holidays in order to comply with the extended school year calendar mandated by the Florida Legislature. If this excuse were true, why did the school district add three new holidays, President Day, a fifth Thanksgiving Holiday and May 22nd? The school district also claimed that constitutional restraints require them to eliminate religious

holidays. If this excuse were true, why did the school district keep Christmas within the holiday period described as "Winter Break"? Additionally, if this excuse were true, how are the majority (38 of 67 counties) of the school districts in Florida, including the largest of Miami-Dade, Broward, Duval and Palm Beach ALL able to include Good Friday as a day off on their school calendars? The School District claimed they polled local employers to find out what holidays were on their calendars. If that is true, why did they include holidays for the state fair, presidents day, May 22, none of which are taken off by the market place. On the other hand, ALL major stock exchanges take Good Friday off as a holiday.

Good Friday was the ONLY religious holiday removed from the calendar. All other major religious holidays, except Christmas, fell on Saturday. The only reason Good Friday was removed was to appease The Council of American Islamic Relations and The Tampa Tribune's Editorial Board. It is truly tragic The Tampa Tribune sided with The Council of American Islamic Relations demands to remove Good Friday from the calendar. We will continue to call for the restoration of Good Friday for as long as it takes. Hopefully, our efforts in this arena will influence government officials in other communities to avoid taking similar actions.

PLEASE HELP all of our efforts to be strong this month by sending a gift in the enclosed envelope.

Sincerely,

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**YOUR SUPPORT KEEPS
ALL OF OUR EFFORTS STRONG**



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BILLS IN THE 2007 FLORIDA LEGISLATURE THAT COULD ADVANCE THE HOMOSEXUAL AGENDA

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Florida Family Association has prepared the following summary of bills that currently seek to advance the homosexual agenda. Please note the "Last event" status indicates these bills had not advanced in pre-session committee meetings before the session officially started on March 5, 2007.

HB 639 - Civil Rights: Prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation, familial status, & marital status; defines terms; conforms terminology. Sponsored by Skidmore. Co-Sponsors: Brandenburg; Bucher; Fitzgerald; Porth; Randolph; Taylor; Vana.

Last Event: Now in Safety & Security Council on Monday, February 05, 2007 9:01 PM.

S1012 Adoption. Provides that person who is homosexual is eligible to adopt child under certain enumerated circumstances. Sponsored by Rich (Identical H 0789, Compare S 0206.)

Last Event: 02/22/07 SENATE Referred to Children, Families, and Elder Affairs; Judiciary

HB 789 - Adoption. Provides that person who is homosexual is eligible to adopt child. Sponsored by Brandenburg. Co-Sponsors: Porth; Randolph; Skidmore.

Last Event: Now in Committee on Healthy Families on Thursday, March 01, 2007 2:10 PM

HB 609 - Discrimination in the K-20 Public Education System. Prohibits discrimination against students & employees on basis of sexual orientation. Sponsored by Vana. Co-Sponsors: Brandenburg; Bucher; Porth; Taylor.

Last Event: Now in Schools & Learning Council on Wednesday, January 31, 2007 8:40 PM

HB 575 and S114 Bullying/Harassment/Schools. By Representatives N. Thompson and Aubuchon, Senator Baker. Cites act as "Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for All Students Act." Now in the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. Homosexual activists are trying to amend these bills to include "sexual orientation" category.

Last Event (House): Now in Committee on K-12 on Friday, February 09, 2007 11:40 AM.

S330 Racial Profiling. Prescribes responses that Attorney General may take upon filing of complaint alleging racial and sexual orientation profiling against law enforcement officer or agency. Sponsored by Wilson

Last Event: 01/24/07 SENATE Referred to Criminal Justice; Judiciary

Florida Family Association will closely follow these bills. An Action Email alert will be initiated if bills containing "sexual orientation" or gay adoption are scheduled for committee hearing.

PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL OR WRITE A LETTER to encourage the Senate President and Florida Speaker "to oppose all bills that seek to give a special status to 'sexual orientation' or authorize homosexuals to adopt children."

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EMAIL CAMPAIGN MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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Florida Family Association responded immediately with an Action Email Alert that urged supporters to send emails to the mayor. The emails called on Mayor Alvarez to honor the "Marriage Protection Pledge" which he signed on March 14, 2004 and voters relied upon during the 2004 elections. FFA urged him not to embrace the policy requests of the homosexual activist group.

Florida Family Association worked closely with Anthony Verdugo, President of the Christian Family Coalition in Miami, to oppose these policy requests by the homosexual activists. Mr. Verdugo helped coordinate and enlisted his supporters to support our email campaign. The mayor's office was overwhelmed with emails and phone calls against the homosexual group's requests.

It appears that Mayor Carlos Alvarez has decided for now not to support the pro-homosexual policy requests. Emails sent by Florida Family Association supporters played a major role in influencing this victory.

FFA's New Action Email Alert Service

Florida Family Association has a new ACTION EMAIL ALERT service. The new service will greatly improve FFA supporters' ability to send emails to company and government officials regarding important issues. The new action email alert service will allow supporters to log on using their email address and zip code instead of requiring a password. Additionally, the email service allows users to send their email message again, is void of most browser errors and allows us to include more email addresses for the issue being targeted.

To register for FFA's Action Email Alerts, go to floridafamily.org. Simply click on the Email Update link in left column of the home page. If you already signed up to receive our email alerts click on "Returning users click here." If your name and address appears simply click on the continue button at the bottom. Then click to view active issues and send your emails. If you are not registered then all you need to do is enter your email, name and address to start sending emails in the upcoming campaigns.

FFA LAWSUIT

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excess of \$20,000 for the school district to search for the documents requested by FFA's legal counsel. The judge said that if the school district plans to use the belated defense position, they must provide the documentation that FFA's legal counsel requested that proves or disproves their position.

The School District issued a memo on November 3, 2005 which gave numerous excuses for blocking emails from FFA Email Action Alert subscribers. However, the school district conjured up a new reason for blocking FFA subscribers' emails in August 2006 (ten months later) after it was clear that none of the excuses in their memo were supported by the evidence gathered during discovery.

The school district now alleges that FFA subscriber emails qualify as "spoofing" and therefore should be blocked. They claim that even if only one email is considered "spoofing" that they would block it.

Don Conwell made a documents request for all emails that the school district has received during the last year that they consider to be "spoofing." This documentation is crucial to FFA's case since the school district claims they block emails coming into the school district that they consider "spoofing."

The school district refused to provide the documentation. U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson again ordered the school district on February 7, 2007 to produce the documents within forty-five days or agree not to use the "spoofing" defense.

Rather than admit that they made a mistake and commit not to block emails from Florida Family Association supporters that contain constitutionally protected speech, the school district continues to spend tens of thousand of dollars in tax payer money to fight recognition of our First Amendment Rights.

Attorneys on both sides of the case have filed motions for summary judgment in this lawsuit. Both motions are pending before U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas G. Wilson in the U.S. Middle District Court of Florida.