



May 2, 2011

L. Chris Richardson, Ph.D.
Superintendent
Northfield Public Schools
1400 Division Street South
Northfield, MN 55057

Dear Superintendent Richardson,

Pursuant to the Data Practices Act, Minnesota Statute §13.01-.99, I hereby request copies of all data, including documents, e-mail correspondence, telephone messages, and electronically stored information related to the following:

1. The district's use of internet filtering software to block websites that fall into the category of "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar category at high schools in the district;
2. The district's use of internet filter software to block the following websites:
 - a. Day of Silence: <http://dayofsilence.org>
 - b. It Gets Better Project: <http://itgetsbetter.org/>
 - c. The Trevor Project: <http://thetrevorproject.org/>
 - d. GSA Network: <http://gsanetwork.org/>
 - e. Gay, Lesbian, Straight Education Network: <http://glSEN.org/>
 - f. OutFront Minnesota: <http://outfront.org>
3. Any requests to block or unblock specific websites and the resolution of such requests;
4. Data that identifies the categories of websites that were selected to be blocked pursuant to the default configuration of the internet filtering software (i.e. the configuration in place at the time the software was initially installed);
5. Data that identifies the names of individuals who made the decision to activate the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar filter category, when the decision was made, and any communications concerning that decision;
6. The internet filtering provider(s)' knowledge that the filter for "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "Alternative Lifestyles," "Social Issues," or any similar filter category had been (or would be) enabled on the district's internet filtering software;

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7. Communications between the internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of the district concerning which categories of websites had been (or would be) blocked;
8. Contracts and agreements, including service and maintenance agreements, between the internet filtering provider(s) and any representative or agent of the district.

The ACLU-MN will pay for the cost of providing copies of these documents. If the cost of providing these items exceeds \$50.00, please contact me for approval prior to completing the request. (Note: copy costs are limited to \$0.25 per page for document requests that do not exceed 100 pages).

If the information is not immediately available, however, the ACLU-MN will expect a written acknowledgment of the request within ten (10) working days, otherwise it will be assumed that the request has been denied, and appropriate action will be taken.

Thank you for a timely response to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Teresa Nelson".

Teresa Nelson
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