



LEGAL DEPARTMENT  
ACLU of Kansas & Western Missouri  
3601 Main Street  
Kansas City, MO 64111  
Tel. (816) 756-3113  
Fax (816) 756-0136

**By First Class Mail & E-mail: superintendent@nkcsd.k12.mo.us**

March 28, 2011

Dr. Todd E. White  
Superintendent  
North Kansas City Schools  
2000 NE 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Kansas City, Missouri 64116-2042

Dear Dr. White:

Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law (RSMo. Chapter 610), I would like to obtain copies of any and all records relating to:

1. The district's use of filtering software to block websites that fall into the category of "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "education.lifestyles," or similar category;
2. The district's use of filtering software to block the website for:
  - a. GSA Network (gsanetwork.com),
  - b. Day of Silence (dayofsilence.org);
3. Any requests to the school district by students, teachers, staff, administrators, or anyone else to block or unblock specific websites and the resolution of such requests;
4. Which categories of websites were selected to be blocked pursuant to the default configuration of the filtering software (*i.e.* the configuration in place at the time the software was initially installed);
5. Who made the decision to activate the "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "education.lifestyles," or similar filter category, when the decision was made, and any communications concerning that decision;
6. The filtering software provider's knowledge that the "LGBT," "Gay or Lesbian or Bisexual Interest," "education.lifestyles," or similar filter category had been (or would be) enabled on the district's filtering software;
7. Communications between the filtering software provider(s) and any representative or agent of the school district concerning which categories of websites had been (or would be) blocked;
8. Contracts and agreements, including service and maintenance agreements, between the filtering software provider(s) and any representative or agent of the school district.

As used in this request, the term "records" includes but is not limited to all documents, papers, letters, maps, books, photographs, microfilms, electronic data processing files and output, films, sound recordings, information stored or maintained electronically or other material, regardless of physical form or characteristics or any copy thereof. Please note that the term "record" refers to those items in your possession, custody, or control, or those items which were, but are no longer, in your possession, custody, or control.

Dr. Todd E. White

March 28, 2011

Page 2

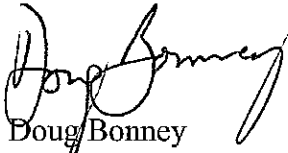
If you claim that any document or portion thereof is exempt from inspection, as to each document or portion you claim to be exempt, please state the basis for the exemption, and identify the document or portion by date; by sender, recipient, or author; and by a description of the contents sufficiently detailed to enable an independent evaluation of the exemption.

If any record is otherwise withheld for any reason, please indicate the type of record withheld, the title or style of the record, the length or size of the record, the author of the record, a description of the subject matter of the record, the file(s) where the record (or copies thereof) may be located, and the reason(s) the record is being withheld.

To the extent that any of the requested records are available electronically, please send them to me at [dbonney@aclukswmo.org](mailto:dbonney@aclukswmo.org). Any records not available electronically please mail to me at the address above. Pursuant to the Missouri Sunshine Law, please respond within three (3) business days. If the fees associated with filling this request are expected to exceed \$50.00, please notify me before completing the request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Doug Bonney  
Chief Counsel & Legal Director  
Direct: (816) 994-3311  
[dbonney@aclukswmo.org](mailto:dbonney@aclukswmo.org)

and

Joshua Block, Staff Attorney  
American Civil Liberties Union Foundation  
Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & AIDS Project  
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
212-549-2593 | [jblock@aclu.org](mailto:jblock@aclu.org)