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Sent: Monday, March 28, 2011 2:40 PM
To: Jay Kaplan
Cc: Hartman, Debra
Subject: RE: Letter from ACLU regarding internet filtering

Dear Mr. Kaplan,

Thank you for bringing this issue to our attention.

Rochester Community Schools uses internet filtering software in order to comply with the Children's Internet Protection Act. The filtering software used by the district is DeepNines Technologies. As with most internet filtering software, the filter screens websites by broad categories rather than by individual sites. We are in the process of reviewing the filtering rules in the software to determine if there is anything that specifically blocks websites such as those referenced in your letter. Rochester also has an established process to review on a case by case basis, the blocking of specific web sites. This is the first time this issue has come to our attention.

Upon completion of this review process, we will respond to your request.

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