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From: Wendy Harding <w Date: Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 7:19 AM Subject: Meeting Request w/ Mrs. Brooks To: April Jewell <apriljewell@lorenaisd.net> Cc: <ebrooks@evelyn4texaseducation.com>

Good morning, Mrs. Jewell

I am requesting a meeting, with the presence of Mrs. Brooks, to discuss Caden's grievances and to petition that he be moved to a new classroom/teacher.

Thank you and I look forward to your response.

Regards,

Wendy Harding

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 From:
 April Jewell on behalf of April Jewell <a priljewell@lorenaisd.net>

 To:
 Steven Jewell

 Subject:
 Meeting Request w/ Mrs. Brooks

 Date:
 Wednesday, October 23, 2024 9:27:58 AM

------ Forwarded message ------From: Andrea L. Mooney <<u>alm@edlaw.com</u>> Date: Wednesday, October 23, 2024 Subject: Meeting Request w/ Mrs. Brooks To: Meredith Walker <<u>mwalker@wabsa.com</u>> Cc: April Jewell <<u>apriliewell@lorenaisd.net</u>>

What about this:

Mrs. Brooks,

By way of introduction, I am Andrea Mooney, attorney for April Jewell. It has come to my attention that you have recently appeared at Lorena Primary School, ostensibly to act as an advocate for a parent in a meeting with Mrs. Jewell to address a routine request for a classroom change. At that time, as a public official, during school hours, you argued with Mrs. Jewell and other staff when asked to comply with basic District security procedures, including questioning why you had to present your driver's license and allowing only a small portion of your face to be photographed for a visitor badge. One would think that a State Board member would be the first to respect and comply with school security measures, particularly as they are a priority of our state legislature.

It is no secret that you have positioned yourself to improperly influence the investigation into Mrs. Jewell, as evidenced by your ongoing publicity campaign and frequent televised appearances and interviews at Lorena ISD Board meetings, during which you tout your personal involvement in the same. While I hoped that you would curb your reckless and unethical behavior following your meeting with the Superintendent - during which you expressed remorse for failing to obtain any actual facts from the District prior to pursuing your media frenzy and falsely claiming you "dug into" the case - it seems that your contrition was short-lived.

Let me be very clear: Your surprise appearance at Mrs. Jewell's campus as a member of the State Board, in the middle of an ongoing investigation by TEA that you have been instrumental in initiating and perpetuating; your disrupting school operations by arguing with Mrs. Jewell about following security procedures; and your demanding to meet with Mrs. Jewell under the absurd guise of advocacy for a classroom change, were nothing more than a ploy to gain access to Mrs. Jewell to harass and intimidate her. You engaged in this farce as an elected official purportedly representing Texas school children, during school hours, with no regard for the disruption you were causing to the school environment and to school employees trying to educate children. Your behavior is nothing short of unethical and unbecoming of a member of the State Board of Education.

Accordingly, consider this a formal demand to cease and desist any attempted contact with

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Mrs. Jewell. She will not be meeting with or speaking to you for any reason, as she considers any such correspondence a continuing conflict of interest and attempt at sabotage on your part.

Your actions are a breach of your duties, intended to prejudice Mrs. Jewell and the ongoing investigation, and harassment. Please be advised that Mrs. Jewell is prepared and willing to take all legal action available to protect against your harassment and attempts to taint the investigation and rob her of her due process rights.

I appreciate your immediate attention to this matter.

On Oct 22, 2024, at 9:44 AM, Andrea L. Mooney <<u>alm@edlaw.com</u>> wrote:

I agree with this plan.

Andrea

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 22, 2024, at 8:39 AM, Meredith Walker <<u>mwalker@wabsa.com</u>> wrote:

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I can respond as legal counsel for the District to tell her that April will not be meeting with Ms. Brooks on advice of legal counsel. If she wants a meeting with Ms. Brooks in attendance, the AP will step in. And if she doesn't like any of those options, she can file a grievance.

Andrea could send the same email as April's counsel. Thoughts?

From: Joe Kucera <joekucera@lorenaisd.net>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2024 8:36 AM
To: April Jewell <apriliewell@lorenaisd.net>
Cc: Meredith Walker <mwalker@wabsa.com>; Andrea L. Mooney
<alm@edlaw.com>
Subject: Re: Meeting Request w/ Mrs. Brooks

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I think we stay with our plan, but I will let Andrea and Meredith make that decision.



On Tue, Oct 22, 2024 at 8:18 AM April Jewell <apriljewell@lorenaisd.net> wrote:

