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FROM: _____ (Parent or Legal Guardian of Student)
DATE: _____

RE: FOLLOW UP to OPTING OUT OF CONTROVERSIAL CURRICULA RESOURCES

Dear Dr. Scheid,

This is a follow up response regarding the notice to exercise my rights as a parent to opt my child out of Vermilion, Hillsdale 1776 curricula and related controversial curricula resources, which I previously submitted on _____ (date). In your response on _____ (date), you indicated that my previous notice was an attempt to opt-out of "an entire curriculum". This was not the intent, as there were a number of specific topic areas and related materials and instruction contained within that letter and reiterated below. The statute does specify the right is to be exercised "upon receipt by the school entity of a written request from the parent or guardian". It is my understanding that the request has already been effectuated, and not something for the district to "consider", as the response letter indicates.

- All curricula developed, influenced and/or advised by Vermilion Education (Vermilion)
- All curricula from Hillsdale College including but not limited to the Hillsdale 1776 curriculum, resources, resources recommended by Hillsdale College, overlays into existing curriculum and instructional resources used to inform my/our child's education
- All curriculum, resources from 1776 Unites and any curriculum recommendations based on or from 1776 Unites
- All curriculum, resources from Core Knowledge and any curriculum recommendations based on or from Core Knowledge
- All curriculum, resources from the Koch Brothers' Bill of Rights Institute and any curriculum recommendations based on or from the Bill of Rights Institute
- All curriculum, resources from PragerU and any curriculum recommendations based on or from PragerU

Further, as a parent I am not privileged to the communications between the originators of curriculum changes (i.e., the Pennridge school board and Vermilion Education) and our school district. To provide lengthy curriculum outlines for this year and from last year is insufficient to the original notice of opt-out, as it is unclear where the changes are and who made them. It is not necessary for me as a parent to do a deep dive into curriculum comparisons in order for my child to be opted out. The onus to provide me the information I have notified you of below lies solely on the school as you are the only ones privy to this information.

Thus far, I have not received clear information as to what curricula has been developed, influenced and/or advised by Vermilion Education and related controversial curricula resources. As administrators & curriculum supervisors, you do have privilege to this information. If you are unclear as to what curriculum changes have originated by Vermilion Education and related controversial curricula resources, I suggest you contact our Board of Directors as they have clearly instructed Vermilion Education in curriculum changes and have had several meetings to this regard. If you do not have a record of what is asked below, that is not only concerning, but it is a district problem, not a parent problem. Putting the onus on parents to investigate and decipher curriculum changes is an insufficient response to an opt out notification.

Therefore, you are now being notified of the following:

1. **Please provide me with a comparison of last year's curriculum to this year's curriculum with a highlighting of every suggestion by Vermilion, Jordan Adams and related controversial curricula resources.**
 - a. **This notice includes any items that were deleted from the curriculum.**
 - b. **I expect everything in detail from the district with nothing left out for transparency to parents.**
2. **To opt my child out of all instruction and/or materials developed, influenced and/or advised on by Vermilion, Jordan Adams and related controversial curricula resources.**

Again, please consider this as a notice of my right to request this information and enforce my opt out request. I look forward to working with you to be able to provide a coordinated response to my right to opt my child out of Vermilion-influenced educational materials and instructions, and related controversial curricula resources.

Please provide me with confirmation of receipt of this notice within 3 business days and the above requested information within 10 business days. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.