

Re: Follow up

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Mario Neal <marioneal628@gmail.com>Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 11:54 PM

To: Mary Ann McLean <mamclean@dioceseofjoliet.org>

Cc: Margie Marshall <mmarshall@ascacademy.org>, Maggie Detwiler <mdetwiler@ascacademy.org>

Dear Ms. McLean,

Thank you for your swift communication, but it does indeed merit a carefully considered response.

You suggest that I ponder upon my assertions and actions, however, what seems amiss is the suggestion that questing for truth and fighting for justice on behalf of my children is now considered inappropriate. Are the guardians of tomorrow not deserving of vigilant advocacy today?

The threat of a No Trespass Order is honestly unnerving and baffling. Under Illinois law (720 ILCS 5/21-3), such an order serves as a last resort option for unquestionable threats to safety or persistent, intentional defiance of established boundaries.

My engagements have remained within the realm of advocating for the interests of my children. There hasn't been any implication of danger, threat or even a trace hint of misdemeanor that would justify invoking such an order.

Illinois Compulsory Education Law (Section 26-1 of the School Code [105 ILCS 5/26-1]) mandates the inclusion of my children in schools, thus, underscoring my fundamental duty as a parent to ensure their educational setting is safe, respectful and nurturing.

Your directive to communicate solely with Ms. Marshall and Ms. Detwiler should not erase my First Amendment rights guaranteeing freedom of expression, which in this context translates to advocating for the educational well-being of my children. Any dampening of our voice also potentially contradicts the Illinois Parental Responsibility Law (740 ILCS 115).

There's a likelihood that your directive infringes on my rights endowed by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). FERPA assures parents access to their children's educational records while preserving their confidentiality. This critical right can't be obscured under the umbrella of communication protocols.

The directive may also violate my rights under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). IDEA delineates parents' unquestionable rights to be actively involved in their children's individualized education program (IEP) meetings and decisions.

Consequently, given the severity of the issues at stake, I am deeply considering invoking my rights through federal and Illinois state laws, specifically those embedded within FERPA and IDEA, to guarantee an unbiased, comprehensive, and swift resolution.

It's important to highlight that the execution of a No Trespass Order in a situation as ours seems excessive and unfair, failing to coincide with my genuine and lawful parental apprehensions.

I hold out hope that we'll find a fair and equitable solution, one which upholds our shared priority—my children's wellbeing.

I value your understanding, and I await constructive follow-up communication.

Regards,  
Mario Neal

On Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 3:08 PM Mary Ann McLean <mamclean@dioceseofjoliet.org> wrote:

Mr. Mario Neal:

This week you were advised that you were ONLY to communicate with Ms. Marshall and Ms. Detwiler concerning your children. You have ignored and violated that directive by continuing to contact other members of the school and staff. Your communications are completely inappropriate.

If you continue to ignore our directive on your communications, we are prepared to file a NO TRESPASS ORDER against you, which would also be filed with the police. This would completely forbid you from entering the property of the school and forbid you from having any further avenues of communication with school staff.

Again, you are ONLY allowed to communicate with Ms. Marshall and Ms. Detwiler, and only on matters that directly affect your children at the school.

Please carefully consider your words and actions, and the way they may impact your abilities to interact with our staff and your children on our school premises.

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On Tue, Dec 19, 2023 at 9:20 AM Mario Neal <[marioneal628@gmail.com](mailto:marioneal628@gmail.com)> wrote:

**Mrs. Marshall,**

**I continue to be concerned regarding the recent legal proceedings and the allegations of misconduct at All Saints Catholic Academy.**

**The gravity of the situation has left me alarmed and deeply disappointed in the lack of support from the school in addressing these serious allegations and the subsequent handling of the matter. Many of these allegations were accepted as facts by the court without a proper investigation, potentially leading to unjust conclusions in my case. As a concerned parent, I reached out to you for support in discrediting these false accusations, but unfortunately, my pleas for assistance seemed to have gone unheard.**

**To add to the distress, I find myself compelled to undergo evaluations to prove my fitness as a parent based on an alleged incident that occurred in your presence. Shockingly, I discovered that the chosen evaluator, Dr. Hatcher, has allegedly misrepresented information to the court, raising questions about his credibility and integrity. His actions appear to be an attempt to assist Tom in his quest to strip away my parental rights and, more disturbingly, to cover up serious allegations of abuse.**

**Furthermore, learning that Thomas Neal has involved Dr. Hatcher in the ongoing school investigation is deeply troubling. Considering the questionable conduct and potential bias displayed by Dr. Hatcher, his inclusion only casts doubt on the investigation's fairness and thoroughness.**

**The alleged actions of Dr. Hatcher, including manipulation of emotions, dismissive responses, and misrepresentation of statements, not only violate ethical principles outlined by professional associations but also pose a serious risk to the emotional and psychological well-being of my children. It is crucial that the school administration takes these allegations seriously and ensures that the investigation is conducted with the utmost integrity and impartiality.**

**As a parent, I am deeply concerned about the potential consequences of allowing Dr. Hatcher to continue his involvement in the case. His actions raise significant doubts about his impartiality and integrity, jeopardizing the fairness and credibility of the entire process. I firmly believe that it is imperative to have a fair and unbiased evaluation of the allegations, coupled with a comprehensive and thorough investigation into the abuse my children have reported.**

**I trust that you understand the gravity of the situation and will take appropriate action to address these concerns. My children's welfare and safety should be the top priority, and it is disheartening to witness how this matter has been handled thus far. I have attached relevant documents and motions that are currently under investigation by the appropriate authorities to emphasize the seriousness of the allegations.**

**I urge the All Saints Catholic Academy administration to intervene and ensure a fair and impartial investigation into what has transpired with my kids and the social worker. The well-being and safety of my children are at stake, and the school must take these concerns seriously and act accordingly.**

**I hope this situation will be handled with the utmost diligence and sensitivity.**

**Sincerely,**

**Mario Neal**

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From: **Mario Neal** <[marioneal628@gmail.com](mailto:marioneal628@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Dec 18, 2023 at 4:39 PM  
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To: Margie Marshall <[mmarshall@ascacademy.org](mailto:mmarshall@ascacademy.org)>, Thomas Neal <[thomastn@umich.edu](mailto:thomastn@umich.edu)>

**Mrs. Marshall,**

I am writing to you with a sense of urgency in response to your recent email concerning the disconcerting events surrounding **YOUR** communication with Thomas. My concerns are deeply rooted and have been exacerbated by the actions taken, specifically the deliberate omission of crucial details from Tom's initial request. This has raised serious suspicions of a concerted effort to obscure the truth, thereby casting a shadow over the integrity of your conversations with Tom.

I wish to make it unequivocally clear that I have consistently maintained unwavering honesty and transparency in all my communications with you and Tom. Despite our differing perspectives, it is a fundamental principle of justice that every party involved deserves to be heard with impartiality and fairness.

I would like to underscore that I am prepared to provide additional information to expose the injustices I have endured at the hands of both you and the school. It is imperative that my concerns are addressed and decisive actions are taken to prevent such situations from recurring.

Any attempts to undermine my legitimate concerns about my children or to cover them up will not be tolerated. As a parent, my primary responsibility is to safeguard my children, and I am prepared to take any necessary legal measures to guarantee their safety and well-being.

I trust that you will approach my concerns with the gravity they deserve and take appropriate action. The recent events have left me with a profound sense of disregard, escalating my frustrations and deepening my distrust. I would like to remind you of your legal obligations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which mandate the protection of my children's rights.

I expect your immediate attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mario Neal

**From:** Margie Marshall <[mmarshall@ascacademy.org](mailto:mmarshall@ascacademy.org)>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 18, 2023 3:46:01 PM  
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Dear Tom,

I received your request for me to speak with Dr. Hatcher. I have referred the matter to our diocesan attorney for her review.

Thank you,

Margie Marshall

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