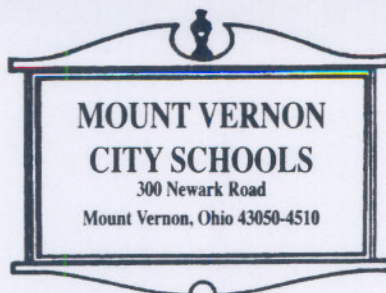


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Mr. John Freshwater
Mount Vernon Middle School

Dear Mr. Freshwater:

On April 5, the Board of Education received a complaint from a parent questioning the supporting material you handed out in class entitled, "Darwin's Theory of Evolution-The Premise and the Problem". The parent questioned the validity of the aforementioned material for a science classroom.

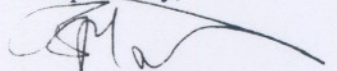
You and I met with Mrs. McDaniel and I asked that you provide the source of material used since the source of information was unavailable on the hand out. I also asked that you provide the standards supported by the material. I informed you that I would ask the science achievement coach at the Middle School and the science department head at the High School to review the material and help make the determination of acceptability in a science classroom.

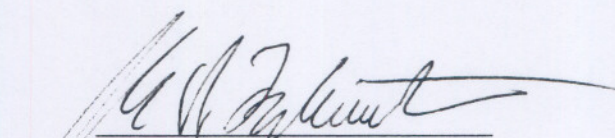
After your search for the source, you informed Mrs. McDaniel that you were unable to find the source of the material, assuming the web site had been abandoned. You did provide the Ohio Teaching Standards as requested.

On May 25, you met with the with the department heads, the complaint was reviewed, and you had the opportunity to discuss the applicable Ohio Teaching Standards.

After review, I have determined the material in question cannot be attributed to a particular author or source. The material has not passed the test of scientific review and acceptance of the established scientific community. I am directing you to delete the material from your supplemental resources. Also, in the future please refrain from using materials that the source or author cannot be readily identified.

Respectfully,


R. Jeff Maley
Superintendent of Schools


Teacher Signature

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