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September 7, 2012

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Dear Members of HPV Calgary:

Lois Burke-Gaffney

We are in receipt of your letter dated August 10, 2012.

Rosemarie Goerlitz

In response to your most recent request, another deadline for the Board to meet and your overt threat of legal action being taken against the Board unless we comply with your demands as expressed in various media outlets, it is apparent that only a court decision may resolve your issues with the Board.

Serafino Scarpino

Linda Wellman

Cathie Williams

Your prior correspondence suggests to us that you have a legal agenda to meet with timelines to follow. Despite that legal agenda, we have attempted to work with you to explain our position as a Catholic jurisdiction that the administration of the Gardasil vaccine is a voluntary program offered to school boards by the provincial government, with the ultimate decision to access the vaccine being that of parents of students. Our decision to allow parents the choice to have their children receive the vaccine, but not to allow the vaccine to be administered on Calgary Catholic School District property, but through other means, is consistent with our faith principles, the guidance of Alberta's Catholic Bishops, and our denominational values.

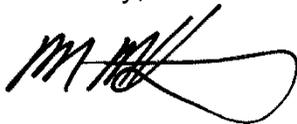
In view of your continued attempts to create a legal case against the District, we find it to be of little value to further address your requests. The courts will ultimately decide the merits of your position.

Accordingly, we will not be providing any answers to your questions, other than to state that this matter will not appear on the agenda for the Board at its meeting on September 12, 2012. Our position has been made clear since 2008 and we see no reason to alter it, other than as has occurred on an annual basis, to have our administration improve upon the communication to our parents of our faith position, the vaccination program information of Alberta Health Services, and the numerous locations available where parents may choose to have their children access the vaccine free of charge.

Finally, leaving aside the legal challenge that you will launch against the District to address your concerns, we would appreciate being advised if you, as a parental organization dedicated to minimizing the development of the human papillomavirus (HPV), would have an interest in working with us and other school boards, in developing an awareness program designed to dissuade early sexual activity in children and promote healthy options. The program would be non-denominational and not form part of the health education curriculum. Rather, it would parallel the present joint program of the Calgary Police Service and Calgary's two metro school boards in reaching out to students at an elementary and junior high school level. The program targets youth at an early age to prevent them from entering into harmful behavioural patterns and lifestyle choices. We would like you to work with us and other area school boards to promote early awareness in children of the advantages of modeling sexual propriety and respect for one another.

In conclusion, we acknowledge your position and will await your legal challenge, should you continue to pursue this route. In the meantime, please advise us if you have any interest in assisting with the creation of the above mentioned joint program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Martin', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Mary Martin
Chair, Board of Trustees

cc: Board of Trustees
Gary Strother, Chief Superintendent