RESOLUTION
MERCER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Mercer County Schools (MCS) suspended the Bible in the Schools (BITS) program on May 23, 2017, pending a review of its curriculum; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of MCS, on May 24, 2017 initiated a thorough review of its options concerning the BITS program, to last at least a year, including evaluating of other curricula, gauging community interest, and interviewing key stakeholders; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of MCS terminated the employment contracts of all BITS teachers for the 2017-2018 school year as of April 11, 2017, and did not extend any contracts to BITS teachers for the 2018-2019 school year, while its thorough review was pending; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of MCS did not offer the BITS program at the elementary level during the school years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 (including to the present); and,

WHEREAS, as a result of the review of the BITS program, it is clear to the Board of MCS that the BITS program is no longer compatible with the educational mission of MCS;

THEREFORE, We, the Board of Mercer County Schools, hereby RESOLVE that its schools will never offer or employ the BITS program in any of its schools.

Further RESOLVED: MCS does not now or in the future intend to offer a Bible elective curriculum in any of its elementary schools.

Further RESOLVED: MCS will not now or in the future employ teachers for the purpose of teaching a Bible elective curriculum in any of its elementary schools.

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