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Request Motion to Admit Leanne Holmes to Kittredge High Achievers Magnet Program

August 21, 2009

To: Dekalb County School System (DCSS) Board Member

Thomas Bowen, DCSS Board Chair

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Jim Redovan, DCSS Board Member

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Eugene Walker, DCSS Board Member

Dear Distinguished Board Members,

This letter has been written on behalf of Leanne Holmes - a rising 6th grader, in conjunction with her mother, Shirley Holmes and addresses Leanne's educational needs.

Note: This letter has not been written with legal representation or advice. Ms. Holmes is a parent and advocate for her child, Leanne Holmes. Ms. Austin is an Educational Strategist and former administration. As such, Ms. Austin has been trained to recognize possible violations in education. Therefore, addressing the following issues does not mean legal argument. However, it is our hope to resolve the overall need to place Leanne Holmes in a substantive school, which meets her educational needs, as quickly as possible.

We respectfully ask the DCSS School Board to move to admit Leanne Holmes in Kittredge High Achievers Magnet Program.

Reasons for the request;

- A.** Based on the following letter and documents sent over the past week via email, we have conclusively proven and shown that Kittredge High Achievers Program is the most substantive school environment that meets Leanne Holmes Educational Needs.

Letter 1 – Leanne Holmes: 14th Amendment and Civil Rights Violations incl. Disenfranchisement

Letter 2 – Statement of Concerns Addressing Leanne Holmes' Educational Needs in Dekalb County School System

Document A – School Choice Brochure, Pgs: 5,6, and 21

Document B - Letter of Denial (2nd part of document)

Document B - Letter of Appeal (1st part of document)

Document C - Letter of Recommendation into High Quality Education Magnet Program

Document D – NCLB Application

Document E – Best Educational Option

Document F – No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

Document G – Letter of Recommendation (Music/Orchestra)

Document H – HB 251 School Choice Application

Document I – Leanne’s Educational Needs

Document J - Still Waters Sinfo Nia Youth Orchestra

Document L – Leanne Holmes : NCLB Safe School Choice and Bullying/Physical Assault

Document M - According to Strong American Schools

Document N – Dekalb County School of the Arts – Scholarship Information

Document P – U. S. DOE – Office of Civil Rights Ensuring Equal Access To High – Quality Education

Document Q – Code of Ethics

- B. We believe that Leanne Holmes has been granted rights by the U.S. Constitution and NCLB, which warrant this motion to protect her education and meet her educational needs.
- C. As of today, August 21, 2009, the DCSS has failed to respond to any concerns in an opposing statement.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Austin,
Founder, In My Shoes, Inc.

Shirley Holmes,
Parent

Cc:

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