



HAMILTON - WENTWORTH FAMILY ACTION COUNCIL

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Dear School Authority:

Please find enclosed a completed copy of the '**Declaration of Spiritual Values**'. Thank you for taking the time to review this letter and enclosure. This letter and Declaration are being presented to you as a means of clarifying principles, beliefs and ideals that are vital components of Judaeo-Christian principled families, which includes the family submitting this Declaration.

We expect that parents using, and educators receiving, this Declaration, will set aside sufficient time to discuss it rationally. The prime intention of this Declaration is to be a discussion tool that enables parents to work in partnership with you in the education of their son or daughter, as '*Partners in Education*'. This Declaration is not intended to complicate issues for the school, but rather to clearly identify and promote understanding with regard to some curriculum and supporting materials which may conflict with the values and beliefs being imparted in the home. We can appreciate the difficulty that may arise when attempting to incorporate and address all cultural, traditional, religious and moral beliefs within a public system. We trust this Declaration will assist in setting boundaries for curriculum, supporting materials and issues to be discussed in the classroom that maintain respect for the values, beliefs and principles being instilled in their home.

It is anticipated that from your discussion with this family, you can develop some creative ways to work through these issues for the benefit of their child/children and to the mutual agreement of all involved. We also request that yourself and the parents sign and date this Declaration acknowledging that you have received, read, discussed and understood the concerns indicated by the parents within this Declaration. We further request that this Declaration and cover letter be placed in the OSR and reviewed annually, as the child's teacher changes year by school year.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

In Family service,

Jim Enos,
Vice-President, HWFAC

PORTION TO BE FILLED IN BY PARENT(S)

I/we the parent(s) of _____ do request to be notified prior to introduction of topics (as outlined on the attached Declaration) to my child.

At such times I/we welcome suggestions to modify/substitute with other topics or assignments of equal educational value.

Thank you for your consideration.

Signed _____ Date _____