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Robbins Family Press Release Statement

We have had an opportunity to review the Press Release put out by Assistant Vice Principal Lynn Matsko.

First, we want to state, categorically, that we believe that Assistant Vice Principal Lynn Matsko is a good educator and a good person. Any effort by anyone to disparage Ms. Matsko as an educator or as a person is inappropriate. This case is not about Ms. Matsko or us. This case is about the decision by the School Board of Lower Merion School District to place software in students' computers, computers they knew were going to be taken home, which software could be remotely activated to take snapshots of whatever may be on the students' screens and a picture of whatever may be in front of the camera.

The decision to place this software on the students' computers is the issue at hand. It was a decision made by the Lower Merion School District, **without any prior notice or opportunity for parents and students to comment on whether this type of software is appropriate for computers that students would use in their homes.**

We have also been reviewing the various blogs and it appears that the manufacturer of the software used by the Lower Merion School District has stated that the remote activation of the webcam to locate lost or stolen computers should only be used by law enforcement personnel. Further, on a video done by a Lower Merion School District employee on the abilities of this software, that employee makes it clear that the software is able to gather enough information, in his words, in order "for the police to get a warrant" to locate the lost or stolen laptop, **without ever remotely activating the webcam.**

We are thankful that the lawsuit has succeeded in getting this "peeping tom" technology turned off. Now, we need to learn to what extent the "peeping tom" technology was used by the School District or any employee of the School District. In this regard, we understand that our counsel has requested **immediate access** to all webcam pictures and screenshots to determine whether the School District's representation as to the number of times it was used and the purpose for which it was

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used is accurate. It is our understanding that the Lower Merion School District **refuses** to cooperate and allow this information to be promptly provided to our counsel.

We are requesting that every student and parent immediately demand that the Lower Merion School Board authorize its attorneys to turn over this requested information so that this litigation can be promptly concluded. To delay this litigation any further, by refusing to promptly turn over this information, only causes the School District to incur additional legal fees which are unnecessary.

Lastly, we do not want to “pick apart” Assistant Vice Principal Matsko’s statement because, as stated above, this case is not about Assistant Vice Principal Matsko or us, but about Lower Merion School District’s conduct. However, we note that nothing in Ms. Matsko’s statement is inconsistent with what we stated in our Complaint. Ms. Matsko does not deny that she saw a webcam picture and screenshot of Blake in his home; she only denies that she is the one who activated the webcam. We have no reason to doubt Ms. Matsko’s statement that she did not personally activate the webcam on Blake’s computer, but that has never been the issue. The issue is that we know someone accessed Blake’s webcam and provided Ms. Matsko with a screenshot and **a webcam picture of Blake at home in his bedroom.**

Once again, we want to emphasize that this case is not about Ms. Matsko or us. It is about the decision of the Lower Merion School District to put cameras in our homes. We believe that if Lower Merion School District cooperates with our counsel, this entire matter can be quickly resolved.

Mike, Holly, Blake and Paige Robbins