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Mahanoy Area School District  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Mahanoy School Board:

I write to you on behalf of The Satanic Temple, a religious organization with over 350,000 members worldwide. While we do not track the specific locations of our members, we do know that over 7,900 adherents live in Pennsylvania, and it is reasonable for us to assume that some of these people live in Mahanoy and are students in your schools.

The Satanic Temple preaches bodily autonomy and the pursuit of justice among our fundamental tenets. Your extensive efforts to control speech explicitly violate our religious tenets and our sacred mission to oppose tyranny. This is evidenced by your ongoing legal battle to defend the suspension of a cheerleader for her private messages that exclaimed, “Fuck School,” and your efforts to suppress a peaceful protest involving wearing a hoodie.

For these reasons, we are inviting Mahanoy students who are members of The Satanic Temple the opportunity to participate in a religious exercise as an expression of their faith. This ritual involves wearing hoodies emblazoned with our Satanic Temple’s religious emblem. In addition, inside each hoodie is a message known only to the member. This unseen message will contain text that reads: “Fuck the fascist Mahanoy School Board,” “Fuck Mahanoy’s petty tyrants,” “Fuck Mahanoy School Board in their smelly dirty assholes,” or something similar and less tactful. This will be an act of ritual defiance which we have carefully planned to avoid any disruption of your important scholastic purposes.

We are disseminating this message to our members. If you have any questions, please have your attorneys contact our counsel by email at [matt@kezhaya.law](mailto:matt@kezhaya.law), or by telephone at (479) 431-6112.

Thank you in advance for respecting the religious liberties of our members.

Very truly yours,



Malcolm Jarry