

January 25, 2013

Governor Jay Nixon  
**(Via Facsimile and e-mail)**

Re: Reverend Stanley Archie

Dear Governor Nixon:

As much as I have found it an honor to serve the over 900,000 children in Missouri as a member and recent President of Missouri's State Board of Education, it has become necessary for me to offer my resignation as both President and Board member effective immediately.

While I had hoped to avoid such actions, the recent lawsuit filed against me and our church family has the potential to cause distraction from our endless efforts to allow Missouri's educational system to be among the top in the nation.

Let me be clear, I categorically deny the allegations made against me and the church and believe that eventually the truth will come out and that both the church and I will be exonerated of all allegations. However, I do believe that it is best for the Board and the children of Missouri that I step down at this time and allow the Board's efforts to move forward without distraction.

Thank you for the faith you have shown in me and I am sorry that I will no longer be able to continue contributing at the board level, but I truly believe that the children of Missouri must come first.

It has been an honor serving a governor who has a heart and passion for quality education for all children in Missouri.

Sincerely,

Reverend Stanley Archie