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To all Public School Governing Authorities:

I write to inform you that the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals has issued a [decision](#) in the lawsuit (*Roake v. Brumley*) which challenged the constitutionality of Louisiana law requiring the posting of the Ten Commandments in all public school classrooms. The Fifth Circuit has now vacated the preliminary injunction issued by the district court which blocked the implementation of Act 676 ([HB 71](#)). In a decisive 12-6 vote of the entire Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, the Judges held that the lawsuit was premature.

The Fifth Circuit's decision removes any obstacles to the implementation of Louisiana's Ten Commandments law, and schools should now proceed with placing the posters in classrooms. Pursuant to [R.S 17:2124](#), "***each public school governing authority shall display the Ten Commandments in each classroom in each school under its jurisdiction.***" Posters have been donated at no public expense and delivered to school districts across Louisiana. Attorney General Liz Murrill has proposed posters that place the Ten Commandments in an educational context. Schools should use the [Attorney General's guidance](#) for the placement of the posters.

Schools should implement the law without fear of litigation. In the event of any legal challenges to the placement of the posters, the Attorney General stands ready to defend schools that follow the law as written and in accordance with the Attorney General's guidance.

I believe that Louisiana students will greatly benefit from the posting of the Ten Commandments. Western Civilization and the United States of America are founded on the principles outlined such as "do not lie, do not steal, do not cheat, honor your father and mother." These principles have secular and historical significance in American jurisprudence and public education. Our founders were undoubtedly influenced by the Ten Commandments – it is my solemn hope that future leaders of Louisiana will be likewise inspired.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Louisiana Attorney General's Office, through Solicitor General Ben Aguiñaga (AguinagaB@ag.louisiana.gov) or Principal Deputy Solicitor General Zack Faircloth (FairclothZ@ag.louisiana.gov) for further guidance, or as soon as you become aware of any legal challenge involving your school(s).

Thank you for the excellent work you undertake on behalf of the students of our state.

For Louisiana,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Landry".

Jeff Landry
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