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"Courts have consistently ruled that prayer and proselytizing cannot be sponsored by schools or school personal," said a school attorney. <sup>(2)</sup> The school added, "We support the right of students to participate in and lead spontaneous prayers. That right is and will continue to be protected." <sup>(3)</sup>

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