

To: Bob Stepaniak

From: Vicky Carrillo
Christen Hildebrandt
Ben Jackson

Date: December 12, 2008

Re: Prior Review

1. What you believe inappropriate concerning the Prieve story is not a legal standard for prior review or stopping an article from publication in a student newspaper and violates our rights as journalists. We received this advice from legal counsel. Therefore we will not submit to prior review. You will personally have to shut us down if you wish to continue down this path.
2. If you attempt to shut us down we will appeal to the school board publicly. We will also appeal to the public through other means. We will also consider an appeal in court.
3. If stories are removed, stories will be replaced with a story on the paper being censored. The letter dated December 11, 2008, stating that the Echo stories were to be prior reviewed by the superintendent will run.
4. We want you to publish the Echo with Mrs. Prieve stories without prior review in the Echo. Please reply before 8.a.m. on December 15th 2008. If you do not reply the Echo will run as scheduled. If you reply that the *Echo* cannot be published, steps 2 and 3 will commence.

CC: Student Press Law Center, Adam Goldstein, Kelly Zwagerman