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To the Vicksburg Schools Community, Mr. Ryan Bomberger, and the Radiance Foundation:

On May 1, 2018, a multimedia presentation made by presenter Ryan Bomberger (Co-Founder of The Radiance Foundation) was held for students at Vicksburg High School. The presentation focused on how every human life has purpose. Mr. Bomberger talked about how we can show love and compassion to one another, about how we are all equal, and about how being human (regardless of labels) is our common denominator. The speaker encouraged students to care about one another and go out of their way to speak hope and life to each other, even when it's uncomfortable. He was a dynamic and motivating speaker who touched the hearts of many in the audience.

The high school principal arranged to have Mr. Bomberger speak to his students but was not able to attend the actual presentation due to a conflict with staff development training. Following the presentation, some students and staff in attendance represented to the administration that the speaker inappropriately advocated for a prolife political agenda. In response to these complaints, the District posted an apology for the presentation on Facebook. Upon further investigation, the District has learned that it acted hastily before it had a full understanding of the facts. Neither the Radiance Foundation nor Mr. Bomberger veered from the previously agreed upon content in the presentation, which was not "overtly political" as previously stated. As a result, the District retracts its May 2, 2018 statement and submits its apology to Mr. Bomberger and the Radiance Foundation for any statements that claimed otherwise.

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