## ANOKA-HENNEPIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Statement on Southern Poverty Law Center Lawsuit

The Anoka-Hennepin School District is reviewing the complaint initiated today by the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC) and the National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR). The district takes strong exception to the outrageous media statement the district is not concerned about the safety of its students.

Anoka-Hennepin awaits a response from the SLPC and NCLR on its invitation to help the district train and prepare for the upcoming school year. Anoka-Hennepin has been recognized as a pro-active leader in the state of Minnesota on bullying prevention. "We are always willing to improve upon our practice as it relates to the safety of students," said Superintendent Dennis Carlson

Due to data privacy laws we're not able to comment on any specifics in the complaints. We are confident that as a school district we are complying with the law and that the policies, practices and procedures we have in place are ensuring the safety of our students.

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