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involvement in the planning and promotion of religious baccalaureate services.

These reported activities may be part of a broader pattern of disregard for every student's right to remain free from government-imposed religious viewpoints. Last school year, New Heights Middle School in Chesterfield County sponsored a school-day assembly featuring a Christian rapper and a youth minister who preached to students and urged them to sign pledges dedicating themselves to Jesus. The assembly was just the tip of the iceberg: The constitutional violations at the school district were numerous and pervasive. These activities did not stop until

Our public schools are “at once the symbol of our democracy and the most pervasive means for promoting our common destiny.”<sup>4</sup> All students, regardless of faith or belief, should