



Sample / Draft

[Does Not Qualify for Exemption]

PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL

[Date]

[Parent/Guardian]

[Address]

Dear [Parent/Guardian]:

I refer to your application of [Date], in which you requested a religious exemption for student, [Name].

Subsection 42(13) of the Education Act provides for an exemption for a “program or course of study in religious education” for a “person who is qualified to be a resident pupil in respect of a secondary school operated by a public board who attends a secondary school operated by a Roman Catholic board.”

Please note that this exemption only applies to “open access” students who meet the qualifications in the above provision. I understand that [student name] is a Catholic student who attended [Name of Catholic elementary school]. I also understand [student name] does not qualify to be a resident pupil in respect of a secondary school operated by a public board.

In light of the above, your [student name] does not qualify for the exemption under subsection 42(13) of the Education Act, and will be expected to enroll in the required religion courses and participate in all required programs and activities at O’Gorman High School.

In the present circumstances, based on subsection 42(13) of the Education Act, the Board cannot comply with your request to have [Student’s Name] exempted from activities of a religious nature with a substantial component of ritual and prayer, as [he/she] does not qualify for the exemption under the provisions of the Education Act.

If you have any further questions in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

[Name of Superintendent]
Superintendent of Education

Copy: Director of Education
Principal – O’Gorman High School
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