

Mr. Larry Royster  
Clerk of the Court  
Michigan Supreme Court  
P.O. Box 30052  
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: ADM File No. 2021-35

Dear Clerk Royster,

On behalf of parents of Oxford School District, I am writing to express my **strong SUPPORT** to the proposed amendments to MCR 7.202. I believe that these amendments would have a positive impact on public schools, students, and the communities they serve.

The proposed amendments would force our schoolteachers, counselors, bus drivers, principals and others to meet the same standards of legal and ethical responsibility that rest of our society is held to. These people and institutions are entrusted by the public with the care, safekeeping, and education our children. There is no greater responsibility and while the public owes them our support, this does not include the right to be unaccountable for their actions. There can be no trust without accountability. The legal system exists for a reason and no one should be considered outside the law simply because it is potentially inconvenient, expensive, embarrassing, or any of the other myriad excuses given to justify giving governmental immunity and sidestepping accountability.

Additionally, you need look no further than Oxford Michigan for a prime example of why governmental immunity is so detrimental and disastrous for a community. After the tragic shooting that killed four students, including my daughter Hana St. Juliana, and wounded several others, the community expected answers and explanations regarding what happened and why established policies were not followed. The community wanted a full investigation of the incident in order to implement measures to prevent a reoccurrence. Parents wanted to know why school administrators returned the shooter to class, returned his weapon to him via an un-searched backpack, and concealed their actions from the rest of the school, including the School Resource Officer. Instead, the school refused to take any responsibility whatsoever, they refused an offer from the Michigan State Attorney General to investigate three times and instead pressured the teachers union to not cooperate with investigations. **Governmental immunity has failed to protect the children of Oxford**, and instead has left the community frustrated, distraught, and divided.

I strongly urge you to accept the proposed amendments and change the current court rules and abolish governmental immunity.

Our schools need to be held to the same standards as other institutions and individuals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Steve St. Juliana