

LIFEWISE ACADEMY



CONTACT YOUR SCHOOL BOARD (RELEASED TIME POLICY IN PLACE)

Purpose

Members from our community are rallying together to show our school board community support for the utilization of an existing policy that allows for Bible education to be taught DURING school hours.

- ◆ **How is this possible?** Under the federal “released time religious instruction” law, students can be released from public school during school hours to attend religious classes, provided the program is off school property, privately funded and parent-permitted.
- ◆ **What’s the status?** Our local LifeWise Steering Committee has been working diligently alongside a LifeWise representative, spreading the word throughout the community about released time. We have been able to sit down with our Superintendent to begin discussing what a released time program like LifeWise could look like in our community. The next step is to show our board widespread community support. It is our desire to come alongside the school and support the staff and students by investing in the next generation.
- ◆ **What can you do?** Please send an email to school board members to show your support for this released time policy. Board members are responsive to the community that elected them. Imagine if each board member received 20+ emails!

Emailing the Board

Please email your school board member yourself and encourage others to do the same! Your email is intended to be a **positive communication** to show support for LifeWise. **This is not a complaint.** We want to be encouraging!

Sample Email Script

“Thank you for serving our community as a school board member. You’ve likely heard that many members of our community are in support of utilizing the released time religious instruction policy that our district has in place and starting a LifeWise Academy. I support LifeWise because I think it’s one of the best opportunities that we, the community, can give our kids. I care about them a lot and I know you do too. We know this program will give parents an additional option to invest in the lives of their children. Our family is asking to make use of the school district’s current released time policy. Please respond to the community’s passion as we seek to move forward in starting a program.”

Board Member Email Addresses

Name	Position	Email
[NAME] (Top Priority)	President	[EMAIL]
[NAME]	Vice President	[EMAIL]
[NAME]	Member	[EMAIL]
[NAME]	Member	[EMAIL]