

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

DANIEL WEISMAN, personally :
and as next friend of DEBORAH :
WEISMAN :

v. :

C.A. NO. 89- 377-B

ROBERT E. LEE, indivi- :
dually and as principal of THE :
NATHAN BISHOP MIDDLE SCHOOL; :
JOSEPH ALMAGNO, individually :
and as Superintendent of :
Schools for the Providence :
School Department; VINCENT :
McWILLIAMS; ROBERT DeROBBIO; :
MARY BATASTINI; ALBERT LEPORE; :
ROOSEVELT BENTON; MARY SMITH; :
ANTHONY CAPRIO; BRUCE SUNDLUN; :
and ROBERTO GONZALEZ, indivi- :
dually and as members of the :
Providence School Committee :


JUDGMENT

1. The inclusion of prayer in the form of invocations or benedictions at public school promotion or graduation exercises in the City of Providence is unconstitutional in violation of the First Amendment of the United States Constitution.

2. The School Committee of the City of Providence, its agents or employees, are permanently restrained and enjoined from authorizing or encouraging the use of prayer in connection with school graduation or promotion exercises.

SO ORDERED,

ENTERED:


FRANCIS J. BOYLE, CHIEF JUDGE
United States District Court
District of Rhode Island

Dated: January 12, 1990

(WEISMAN.ORD)

