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Lindsie Rank
Program Officer, Individual Rights Defense Program
Foundation for Individual Rights in Education

Dear Ms. Rank:

Thank you for your recent communication regarding a theater performance originally scheduled for Muscatine Community College (MCC).

MCC does not plan to hold a theater performance during the fall semester. The decision to cancel the performance was made entirely separately from any conversation related to the content of the performance. As explained to Ms. Oltmanns in my communication:

Because so many other public events are cancelled and we are not able to determine who attends a play and utilizes Health Check 360 tool in advance, our usual health and safety checks cannot be employed. We are unable to support a virtual performance at this time, as we don't have the available technical staff to ensure that it runs smoothly.

EICC has previously sponsored virtual events, including a virtual graduation in the spring of 2020. These events took an enormous amount of resources, including services beyond those provided by the District's online and IT divisions. Due to the ongoing pandemic, the IT and online divisions are currently supporting students and instructors. Supporting the marketing, production, and technical support for a virtual fall play are simply not possible at this time.

Typically, a spring play is also expected to be offered. We may revisit our institutional capabilities at that time and look forward to working with Ms. Oltmanns and the students.

Sincerely,

Naomi DeWinter
President