A Campus of the University of Wisconsin Colleges

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Dear Parents;

We feel it is important to notify you of a concern that has been brought to our attention by a parent regarding the Applied Scholastics ** curriculum utilized in our College for Kids Study Technology course. Some organizations believe this curriculum is being used by Scientology to promote their philosophies and teachings. This five-day course was purely designed as a study skills class.

The intent of Study Technology is to assist students by teaching them how to overcome barriers to learning. Although L Ron Hubbard developed the 'Study Technology' concept, and L Ron Hubbard is the founder of Scientology, Applied Scholastics ™ is a secular, charitable organization independent of Scientology.

The University of Wisconsin-Fond du Lac supports diversity and does not in any way promote any particular religious group or religious ethic. Nor do we discriminate based on religion.

The instructor has been made aware of this concern. While your child may demonstrate an exceptional level of performance in one or more of the five areas of giftedness, your child may benefit by improving study skills in other areas. The intent is not to promote specific philosophies or beliefs, the intent is to provide creative and stimulating ideas for improving study skills. We thank the parent for bringing this information to our attention. Because these perceptions can exist, we will not offer the course again in the future.

As stated in a memo that was sent home with your child on Tuesday, please know you are invited to attend classes with your child on Friday. Feel free to contact me at 929-3622 or Dean Blankenship at 929-3602 if you have any questions or would like further information. We value and appreciate your support of our programming for area gifted and talented youth.

Sincerely,

Leanne Doyle