



# Poughkeepsie City School District

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Mr. Raymond K. Duncan  
39 Worrall Avenue  
Poughkeepsie, New York 12603

Dear Mr. Duncan:

The Board has requested that I contact you in writing to formally request that you change the current name of your website. Your use of the domain name "Poughkeepsie Schools.Info" is confusingly similar to "poughkeepsieschools.org," the domain name of the Poughkeepsie City School District. It is the District's concern that your use of this domain name will be confusing to the public. Additionally, it appears that you are soliciting financial support from visitors to your website, making your website appear to have commercial purposes. I respectfully direct your attention to the cyberpiracy protections of 15 USCS § 1125.

Your efforts in furtherance of the dissemination of information to the public regarding the Poughkeepsie City School District and education are appreciated. The District does not wish to restrict your Constitutionally protected rights, but only to protect and advocate for the District's interest in the appropriate use of its name and copyrighted materials.

Please inform the Board not later than December 20, 2005, of your intentions with regard to the continued use of the "PoughkeepsieSchools.info" domain name. In the event that you do not voluntarily change the domain name of your website, the Board may choose to take appropriate legal action to prohibit the unauthorized commercial use of the District's name as part of your domain name and/or to prohibit copyright protected materials from unauthorized use on your site.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stanley F. Merritt".

Mr. Stanley F. Merritt  
Board of Education, President

cc: Board of Education Members