

Education: Marsh said situation degraded quickly

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She said the due process complaint procedures are set up to find a resolution before the case goes to a hearing. Either mediation or a resolution session is mandatory. Most cases are resolved at that level, Noor said.

"When these do go to hearing, that means there are some significant concerns and disagreements about what is appropriate for the student," she said.

The hearing has already taken three weeks to present the district's witnesses. Wiscarson cross-examines those witnesses at the time so they don't need to be called again. Marsh has already testified.

Wiscarson will begin presenting evidence later this month, a process which could take another week. The judge will issue a decision in early 2018.

IEP conflicts

Marsh said while Elise's IEPs have identified her as vision and hearing impaired, they didn't qualify her as deaf-blind until recent years. That designation could have provided Elise a deaf-blind intervenor, someone who could help provide her information about what was going on around her and what was being said.

Marsh added it wasn't

until Elise wasn't keeping up with her peers that she discovered she needed the intervenor.

"I wasn't really aware at the time," she said. "The school wasn't aware at the time. She had a one-on-one who was doing a good job and in a long-term relationship (with Elise). She had been with her for several years. As she was getting older, and the gap was increasing between her and her peers, I was becoming more educated."

During the 2011-12 school year, the district designated Elise as intellectually disabled. The complaint said that was inappropriate because Elise never completed the evaluation. She hasn't been re-evaluated, so her IEP doesn't list her in that category any longer, Marsh said.

She added that she doesn't believe there is a good test for determining Elise's cognitive ability, but she was deeply disappointed in what she said is an assumption among some staff that her daughter couldn't understand language.

"The problem is, if we assume there's no cognitive ability or low cognitive ability, and we are not giving them information, we aren't

giving them the ability to show what they might be able to do," she said.

Marsh said, even though her IEP designated her as hearing and visually impaired, when she would visit unannounced, she would find Elise in the back of classrooms where it's less likely she could hear or see.

According to Marsh, Elise can understand language and does know how to communicate. She said her nursing staff can attest to that, and so can a speech therapist who works with Elise.

"She's (the speech therapist) the best in the Northwest at working with children like Elise," Marsh said. "In her professional opinion, she also believes Elise is understanding language and is communicating."

Marsh said she's provided the district with the therapist's reports, and some staff members have attended Elise's sessions, but that hasn't made a difference.

Staff turnover

The people working with Elise has changed in recent years, which hampered her ability to advance because the new people had to learn to work with her, Marsh said.

"Elise is waiting from them to catch up to where she al-

ready was," Marsh said. "She essentially hasn't had any progression for, I think, three years at this point, maybe more."

She said the district also struggled with finding backups when her regular nurse was unavailable. That resulted in Elise staying home from school.

Noor said while the district has a responsibility to find a backup, finding people qualified can be difficult.

"It's hard to find a nurse to work on an occasional basis," Noor said. "There are agencies that have them, but it's very difficult to find somebody to substitute for nurses."

Trust erodes

Marsh said the situation degraded quickly once Elise began fourth grade. Evidence presented during the hearing from email conversations between staff members has only eroded trust further.

In one case, Elise's nurse was advised by her supervisor to document, but not tell Marsh, when some of Elise's medication was missing from her supplies. Marsh said some of Elise's medication could be lifesaving, and a "safety plan" was put in place to make sure she has what she needs.

In addition, she believes her daughter has suffered ed-

ucationally and emotionally in the last three years.

"I didn't know it was this bad, and as a mother, I feel terrible making my child go to school there for as long as I did," she said. "I should have pulled her out a long time ago because she's suffered."

"My child used to love going to school," she continued. "When she was in elementary school, she would wake up without an alarm and (was) laughing and giggling when the (wheel) chair lift went up on the bus. She would stick her legs out and giggle and squeal because she was so excited."

Elise attended a few days last year and hasn't gone to school yet this year.

"She is at home because school is not prepared for her, and I don't feel comfortable sending her to the building at this time," Marsh said.

Elise is receiving one hour of tutoring per day. Marsh has requested more. Wiscarson said school districts limit tutoring to one hour because that is all the state will pay for. There's no law that dictates how much time a student can be tutored, she said.

Noor said that's her reading of the law, as well.

"There's a practice for a lot

of schools that are doing tutoring to do tutoring for an hour at a time," she said. "There's no requirement around the length of tutoring. In a situation where it's specially designed instruction, it should really be something that is related to the student's ability to attend."

Noor said over the years, the district has worked to pair Elise with staff members who know her and are familiar with Elise and her needs.

"This is one of those cases that the issues are so complex for this particular student. It's unfortunate that we are in a due process," Noor said. "It's also I think it's sign of how different the understanding of what those needs are between the family and the district."

Marsh said she isn't sure if she will keep Elise in the district. She would like the result of the case to be that Elise can return to school with her peers, but isn't sure that is possible.

"I don't know that even if we get everything that we ask for, if that is possible," she said. "When you get into a situation when things get this far, relationships are damaged. People don't trust each other on both sides, and the child suffers."

Polk County Worship Directory

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Calvary Chapel Dallas Currently meeting for worship and verse by verse Bible teaching at 628 SE Jefferson St. www.calvarydallas.com Worship service begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Sunday school is available from youth ministry and below to nursery. Wednesday evening cafe-style Old Testament study starting at 6:30 pm. Come join us for a relaxed study around a cup of coffee or drink. Mens prayer is Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Womens Bible studies are scheduled also, call for times. The Pastor/Teacher is Larry King. Come join us and be a part of God's family here in Dallas. For more information call 503-831-1074.

Church of God of Prophecy New Beginnings - 575 SW Ash St., (corner of Ash and Stump St.) Pastor Travis Clemons, 541-671-0375. Bible Study School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m. We welcome all to come and get acquainted with our Pastor and his wife Christina. Home Bible Study 6:00 p.m. Sunday. Associate Pastor Jim Dickason 503-302-9816.

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Dallas Alliance Church - 775 E. Ellendale, Dallas, 503-623-2265, Email office@dallasalliance.org, Every Sunday: classes for all ages at 9:15 a.m., Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m., (Nursery provided for a.m. services); Tuesdays: Youth Night 7:00 p.m. in Ediger Hall; Wednesdays: Adult Prayer Meeting 1:00 p.m., Choir practice 6:45 p.m. Call for info on current Bible Studies. Web: dallasalliance.org.

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Evangelical Bible Church - 1175 S.E. Howe, Dallas 503-623-2331. Senior Pastor Jerry Franz, Visitation Pastor Allan Wiebe. Sunday: Worship *8:00 a.m.; *10:45 a.m.; *6:00 p.m.; Sunday School 9:30 a.m.; High School Youth Group 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Jr. High Youth Group - 7:00 p.m.; 2nd & 4th Tuesday: MOPS *9:00 a.m.; Wednesday: AWANA - 6:30 p.m.; Prayer Meeting & Bible Study 7:00 p.m.; Thursday: Bible Studies *9:00 a.m. & *7:00 p.m. (women); Thursday Group Bible Study 2:00 p.m. *Nursery care provided.

Faith Evangelical Free Church - 2290 E. Ellendale Ave., Dallas, 503-623-8034; Lead Pastor Derek Olson, Associate Pastor Ed Sutter, Worship Pastor Ted Kitzmiller, Youth Pastor Aaron Swank, Ministry of Children & Family Debbie Davies. Sunday School 9:00 a.m.; Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m., Sunday High School Youth Group 6:30 p.m.; Wednesday Jr. High Youth Group 7:00 p.m. Please call or visit our website for information about other meetings. www.faithfreechurch.org

First Baptist Church - 245 S.W. Church St., Dallas, 503-623-5189; www.gofbc.org; Church Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 6:30 am - 11:30 am; Pastor Rick Bratton 503-551-9561; Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6-7 p.m.; Everyone Welcome!

First Christian Church - Joyfully Worshipping and Serving 1079 S.E. Jefferson Street, Dallas, 503-623-2569. Pastor Darren Anderson. "Live Wire Worship" with Praise Team - 8:30 a.m., Adult, Youth & Children Sunday School - 9:30 a.m., Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. (Nursery provided), Men's Bible Study - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Christian Women's Fellowship - 2nd Tuesday, 1:00 pm (Sept through June). Please call church office for information about other meetings.

Grace Community Church - 598 E. Ellendale Ave. PO Box 69, Dallas, 503-623-4961. Senior Pastor-Dave Bertolini, Pastor of Worship & Discipleship-Ryan Bucher, Pastor of Student Ministries-Ben Potloff. Sunday Worship: 1st Service-9:00 a.m. with Kids, Youth, & Adult Sunday School running concurrently. 2nd Worship Service-10:45 a.m. with Kids Worship running concurrently. Nursery provided for 0 - 2 year olds during both services. Office open Tuesday-Friday for office hours visit our website at www.graceindallas.org. All are welcome!

Living Hope City Church - 180 SE Mill St., Dallas. Family Worship 10:30 am. Equipping Center & Offices 186 SE Mill St., Dallas. For more information call 503-623-6890. www.livinghopecitychurch.org

Living Word Faith Fellowship - 830 SE Shelton Street, Dallas, 503-623-9062. Pastor Joan Siewert. Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Worship 7:00 p.m. Children's Sunday service 10:00 a.m., nursery provided. Men's fellowship second Saturday of month breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Murphy's Restaurant, Dallas. Pastor Michael Van Dyke in charge of men's fellowship. Call for additional information.

Salt Creek Baptist Church - 15075 Salt Creek Road, Dallas, 503-623-2976. Senior pastor David Curtis. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning Worship 10:50 a.m. Nursery provided for worship services. Classes for all ages. Wednesday Senior High and Middle School Youth at 6:30 p.m. Please call for information about other meetings or visit our website at www.saltcreekchurch.org.

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 589 SW Birch, P.O. Box 450, Dallas 97338-0450. 503-623-5872. Services on Saturday: 9:30 A.M. Sabbath School Bible Study for all age groups. 10:50 A.M. Worship Service. Office Hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 - Noon. Pastor: Lary Brown

St. Thomas Episcopal Church - 1486 SW Levens St., Dallas (at the corner of Levens & Cherry) 503-623-8522. Email: stthomasdallas@gmail.com www.stthomasdallas.org 10 AM worship with Holy Eucharist. Father Fred Heard. Sunday School and Nursery Care available during worship. The church has formally adopted a policy of welcoming and fully affirming individuals who are lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender (LGBT). The new policy formalizes and expands on the church's longstanding tradition of radical hospitality towards all people regardless of race or ethnicity, marital status, disability or socio-economic status. St. Thomas Welcomes you—please join us.

Trinity Lutheran Church - 320 SE Fir Villa Rd, Dallas, 503-623-2233. Interim Pastor - Jim Nestingen. Adult Sunday School 9:00 a.m. Worship Service 10:00 a.m.; Kids Church during 10:00 a.m. Worship. Youth Group HS/MS 11:30 a.m. Sundays. Wednesday evening Contemporary Service 6:30 pm. Free Medical Clinic 1st & 4th Saturday of each month. www.dallastlc.org. Catch us on Facebook.

United Methodist Church - A church with Open Hearts, Open Minds & Open Doors. 565 SE LaCreole Drive, Dallas, 503-623-2481. Rev. J. Quinton Kimbrow, Minister. Summer Worship Service 10 a.m. Sunday School for Adults & Youth, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School for Children during worship service. Child-care available. Handicap access. All are welcome! Email: dallasumc@qwestoffice.net Website: www.sites.umcdallas.com

Valley Life Center (Assemblies of God) - 1795 S.E. Miller Ave., Dallas, 503-623-4116. Lead Pastor: Chris Barker; Associate Pastor: Ted Gibson; Children's Director: Crystal Barker; Youth Director: Kirk Bathke. Sunday Morning Service 10:30 a.m., Wednesday Family Night 6:30 p.m. Please call for more information or visit our website at www.valleylifecenter.com

FALLS CITY

Falls City Christian Church 233 S. Main Street, Falls City, Oregon 97344, 503-787-3104 Sunday Service: 10 am; www.falls-citycc.com

Seventh-Day Adventist Church - 205 N. Main, Falls City 97344, 503-787-3907. Pastor Lary Brown. Sabbath School Sat. 9:30 am-10:40 am; Worship Service 11 am. Community Service Center (Food Bank) third Wed. of each month, noon - 3pm.

INDEPENDENCE

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Cornerstone Church of God - 4395 Independence Hwy, Independence, 503-838-5119. Sunday Service and Children's Church 9:30 a.m. Nursery available. Wednesday Kids Klubs 6:30 p.m.. Thursday Adult Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church - A warm, friendly church that cares about you! Located at 1505 Monmouth St., Independence (across from Central High School); 503-838-1001. Senior Pastor Michael Parks. Sundays: Worship Service 11 am Wednesdays: AWANA 7 pm (during the school year). Thursdays: Youth Group 6:15pm. Join us for small groups and life groups throughout the week. First Baptist Church has ministries for children, youth, adults, families and seniors, throughout the week. Check us out at www.independencelfirstbaptist.com

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Church of Christ - 127 N. Heffley St., Monmouth, 503-838-2360. Minister - Jon Siegrist. Sunday School 9:45 a.m., Worship Service 10:45 a.m., Wednesday Service 7 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church - 200 Monmouth-Independence Hwy., Monmouth (the church with the lighted cross on the "S" curve). School Year Schedule: Sunday School and Adult Bible Classes 9:00 am; Divine Service of Holy Communion 10:30 am. Pastor Dallas C.R. Dubke. www.FaithLutheranMonmouth.org; 503-838-3459. Everyone is welcome!

Monmouth Christian Church - (503) 838-1145; www.MyMcc.cc. 959 Church St W, Monmouth. Lead Pastor: Sean Bitzer. Pastors: Ulysses Vela, Aaron Barnhart & Mary Weinbender. Two Sunday Services; 9:20 am and 11:00 am. Children Programming from birth to 5th grades every Sunday. Questions? email info@mymcc.cc. Join us this Sunday in person or LIVE online at www.mymcc.cc.

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