

District Appeals Decision of Judge Schweikert

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Recently, Judge Schweikert of the Court of Common Pleas, issued a finding against the Mariemont Board of Education. This was litigation stemming from the board's imposition of punishment as a result of student behavior while on a school-sponsored trip to Munich.

The filing was in the Court of Common Pleas by two of the students. Judge Schweikert's decision vacated the board's action regarding the two appellants. Based on advice of counsel and the district's insurance company, the decision is being appealed. It is important to note that the costs of these legal proceedings do not come from the district's budget or funds. Costs are born by the district's liability insurance carrier.

As there are serious issues involved with the district's ability to control student behavior on field trips in general and overnight trip in particular, the board is compelled to go ahead with the appeal so as to protect students while under the school's authority.