

DEFENDANTS FILE MOTION TO DISMISS

On September 26, 2013, COPE and other Plaintiffs filed suit in federal court against the Kansas State Board of Education and the Kansas State Department of Education. The Complaint alleges, among other things, that the State Board's adoption and implementation of the *Next Generation Science Standards* and its *Framework* establish and endorse a non-theistic religious worldview.

After receiving two extensions from the court, attorneys for the Defendants on December 5 filed a motion to dismiss the case. We believe the motion is without substantive merit and that the complaint will be allowed to proceed.

Counsel for Plaintiffs are now working on a reply to the motion. We expect it will be filed in late January. We welcome the motion as an opportunity to further explain the Complaint to both the court and the public.

The Issue raised by the Complaint is not trivial. The question is whether public schools, who may not mention the supernatural during a one minute invocation at a high school graduation, may indoctrinate children for thirteen years to "know and understand" that life and the universe are due to material or mechanistic causes rather than supernatural or teleological/intelligent causes.