

**FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20554**

**January 19, 2021**

*In reply refer to: 1800B3-DW*

Mark Van Bergh, Esq.  
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In re: **WSPS(FM), Concord, NH**  
Facility ID No. 62166  
Silent since February 15, 2020

Request for Extension of Special Temporary  
Authority to Remain Silent

Dear Mr. Van Bergh:

This letter concerns the request you filed on November 17, 2020, on behalf of St. Paul's School (SPS), for extension of Special Temporary Authority (STA) to permit FM Radio Station WSPS to remain silent.

Commission records reflect that SPS stated that Station WSPS(FM) went silent on February 15, 2020, for technical reasons. The previous STA was granted on April 2, 2020, and expired on September 29, 2020.<sup>1</sup> SPS requests extension of its STA for continuing technical reasons. The request includes the appropriate certification regarding section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988.

SPS's request is granted. Accordingly, Special Temporary Authority is granted to permit Station WSPS(FM) to remain silent until February 15, 2021. **Notwithstanding the grant of this Special Temporary Authority, the broadcast license for Station WSPS(FM) will automatically expire as a matter of law if broadcast operations do not resume by 12:01 a.m., February 16, 2021.**<sup>2</sup>

SPS is required to notify the Commission when broadcast operations resume. If SPS does not file the notification of resumption of operations in a timely manner, the license may be subject to cancellation pursuant to section 312(g) of the Communications Act, as amended.<sup>3</sup>

The station's silent status does not suspend the licensee's obligation to comply with all other relevant Commission rules, including the filing, when appropriate, of applications for renewal of broadcast license. It is imperative to the safety of air navigation that any prescribed painting and illumination of the station's tower shall be maintained until removed.<sup>4</sup>

Sincerely,

Victoria McCauley  
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Media Bureau

Sent via email only to: [ccallahan@sps.edu](mailto:ccallahan@sps.edu)

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<sup>1</sup> We note that SPS failed to submit a timely request for an extension of STA to per Station WSPS(FM) to remain silent beyond September 29, 2020. The action taken herein shall not construed as authorizing the station to remain silent between September 29, 2020 and November 17, 2020.

<sup>2</sup> See 47 U.S.C. § 312(g).

<sup>3</sup> *Id.* In addition to filing a notification of resumption of operations electronically on the date operations resume, notification of resumption must also be emailed to [Denise.Williams@FCC.gov](mailto:Denise.Williams@FCC.gov).

<sup>4</sup> See 47 C.F.R. §§ 17.6 and 73.1740(a)(4).

