



La Fayette Central School District



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Statement of Peter Tigh, Superintendent of Schools, LaFayette Central School District Concerning Verdict in People v. Albert Scerbo

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I understand that Judge William Walsh has found Mr. Albert Scerbo guilty of sexual abuse in the first degree and endangering the welfare of a child, charges brought against him by the Onondaga County District Attorney's Office. Mr. Scerbo, who is a tenured teacher employed by the LaFayette Central School District at the Nation School, has been placed on administrative leave since December, 2006, the time the accusations of inappropriate contact with students first came to our attention.

This has clearly been a very difficult period for the students and families involved as well as for our staff. On behalf of the LaFayette Central School District, I commend the young students involved for bravely coming forward to testify, together with the school staff and administration for their professional and appropriate response. We also appreciate the cooperation and assistance of the Nation leaders and the parents of the Nation school children in addressing this very difficult matter. The dedication and commitment of the Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office was evident throughout the successful prosecution of these matters. We thank them as well.

The continued safety and well-being of our students remains our paramount concern as we move forward.

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