



## SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION  
*Teaching and Leadership Programs*

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Mr. Matthew Werenczak  


Dear Mr. Werenczak:

I am writing to inform you that the Syracuse University School of Education (SOE) has determined that you **could be administratively removed from the SOE** for your actions that occurred in your 2011 summer placement in the course RED 625, where you posted on your Facebook page comments the SOE finds unprofessional, offensive, and insensitive not only to the Danforth School but also to the SOE and Syracuse University. Indeed, when a SOE student works in any school, they are representing both their home college and Syracuse University.

The SOE believes, however, this unfortunate incident can be educative for you. We believe you have potential as a future educator. Hence, instead of outright dismissing you from the Secondary Social Studies Master's Program, we believe there are opportunities for you to learn from this situation and, eventually, become a Social Studies Teacher. Here are your two options:

- (1) You could immediately withdraw from SOE
- (2) You are permitted from doing student-teaching in the fall of 2011 while being required to seek counseling for not only anger management issues but also issues relating to your being harassed. Second, you will have to successfully complete an additional course or program on cultural diversity that the SOE chooses. Third, you will have to write a reflective paper that demonstrates the progress and growth you have made in relation to issues regarding cultural diversity as well as your own personal growth. Fourth, a committee will review your paper, meet with you, and determine if you capable of continuing in the program. To be clear, completing all of the aforementioned steps does not guarantee you re-admittance to the SOE. The committee will make that final decision.

I know this is not the decision you wanted; however, this is can be a moment of reflection in which you can better learn to understand yourself in relation to others. The SOE wants

to provide this space of reflectivity. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me or Mrs. Amie Redmond, Assistant Dean of Student and Academic Services.

Sincerely,



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I have read this letter and understand all of the content outlined within.

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Student Signature

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Date