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Subject: RE: Class III Police Officer

Mrs. Kaish,

My husband and I would like a meeting with you and with Mrs. Juliana as the President and VP of the BOE.

Please let me know your availability.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Class III Police Officer

Mr. Mehno:

In response to your email on Monday, I refer you to the various emails and information that was previously sent and provide to both your wife and you by the Principal of Dutch Neck and me.

To be clear, the District completely disagrees with your assertion about Officer Liz and your statement that she "interrupted the class to single out a child." You have raised your concern to the Principal, Chief Garofalo and Lt. Lee, and me. Mrs. Mehno and you have raised your concern further to the Board of Education and the Township Council. There has been no determination of any wrong doing by Officer Liz and it is unfortunate that you continue to malign the Officer by perpetuating such a narrative.

As this issue has been investigated and no wrong doing has been found, the matter is closed and I will not respond any further.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aderhold

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Dr Aderhold,

I would appreciate you confirming the fact pattern I outlined is accurate and if not please tell me at the very least whether Officer Liz approached my [REDACTED] classroom and interrupted the class to single out a child to come forward with Mr. Eikelberner's assistance. You can do this without getting into the specifics involving the other child. As a parent of a student in the classroom I believe I have a right to know this information. While our meeting with Chief Garofolo was very productive I do not believe that the interruption of a classroom full of eight year olds by a Class III Police Officer who asks the teacher to bring one of the children forward so she can talk to that child can be considered an interview, investigation, arrest or other operation by the police department per Section 2.3 of the MOU and cannot believe that you seriously consider it to be such an event Therefore, I believe the school administration has a duty to tell me what happened without getting into the specifics involving the other child.

Again I also ask is there any protocol in place as to whether a Class III police officer can approach a classroom in a non - emergency situation and single out an elementary age student in that classroom to come forward out of the classroom and interact with that child.

Miss Kaish as the President of the Board and a member elected by the taxpayers and citizens of the community can you please help me get answers to my inquiries as I have been waiting patiently for weeks.

Thank You,
Chris Mehno

On Monday, February 4, 2019, Chris Mehno <cmehno@gmail.com> wrote:

Dr. Aderhold,

Thank you for your reply However, I am perplexed. Perhaps you did not read my email carefully. Nowhere in my email do I state or imply that Officer Liz was engaged in a disciplinary action. I am not concerned with her particular objective in this interaction. I am concerned with the subjective experience of the students in the classroom when a police officer with a gun approaches that classroom and asks the teacher to bring a young child from the classroom forward within the broader context of possible unconscious bias of members of an overwhelmingly white Police Department in a school district where the majority of students are non-white. Based upon both what my [REDACTED] has told me and the fact that Mr. Argese states that Mr. Eikelberner brought the student over to the door and does not deny that Officer Liz approached the classroom and asked to speak with the student, I am confident that the fact pattern I have described is accurate. While you state that this matter is not specific to my child and you will, therefore, not comment further on the specifics of the matter, I want you to know that an officer with a gun approaching the classroom of my child without a prior invitation by the administration in a non-emergency situation is a matter that is specific to my child. Thus, I respectfully ask that you confirm the fact pattern I have described above is accurate, and, if not, please provide to me your understanding of the facts of the matter. And I again ask is there any protocol in place when a Class III Police Officer wants to interact directly with an elementary age student and what it is, and, if not, does the administration plan to implement any such protocol in the future? I note that at your presentation to council on June 25, 2018 on this issue at the 32 minute and 24 seconds mark you state that "Police should not be entering into our classrooms unless they are invited. Police should not enter our classroom just to walk into our classroom. They would never come to our classrooms and pull a student out:", Since the Administration appears to want to split hairs on whether this is what occurred here I would like to know what the protocol or policy is, to the extent it exists.

Additionally, I believe that Section 2.3 of the MOU pertains to actual investigations conducted by the Police Department and since I clearly stated that I am only concerned with the approach of an officer with a gun to a classroom of young kids in a non- emergency situation and the Administration's policy and protocol in such a situation, I have no idea why you would cite it, other than to deflect my inquiry.

Regarding your paragraph citing the fine work of the West Windsor Police Department, I agree with you completely. However, the fact that their police officers do fine work does not negate the possibility that some members of the WWPD at some times may harbor unconscious biases towards people of color. The fact that members of WWPD do undergo some unconscious bias training, is evidence of that possibility. I have attached a link to the Force Report <https://force.nj.com/> , and suggest - that as the Superintendent of a School District where the majority of students are non-white and where the Police Officers patrolling our schools are members of a police department that is over 90% white and where blacks are arrested at a 35% rate even though they comprise only 3% of the town population - you read it, And I also hope that Mayor Marrathe, Chief Garofalo, Council Members and Board Members will read it.

Finally, I must say, most respectfully, that I am greatly disappointed that in your email addressed to me you gratuitously state that you do not accept the premise that the Class III officers have elected to serve in our

schools so they can discriminate against the students. Of course they were not retained for that purpose and nowhere in my email do I state or imply any such motive. I do not expect or want the Superintendent of our Schools to twist the inquiry of the parent of three Hispanic children voicing genuine concerns about possible unconscious bias of members of an overwhelmingly White Police Department retained by that Superintendent to provide security in our schools into an implication that that parent is saying that they were specifically retained so they can discriminate against those students. I deeply resent that.

Sincerely,

Chris Mehno

On Thu, Jan 31, 2019 at 1:50 PM Aderhold, David <David.Aderhold@ww-p.org> wrote:

Mr. Mehno,

Good Afternoon. Thank you for your email. I appreciate the kind words that you shared regarding district initiatives and your children's experiences at Dutch Neck. I know that the staff at Dutch Neck will appreciate it as well.

As I have stated in my email this past Friday, the fact pattern that is being repeated is not accurate. Mr. Argese has reviewed the concerns raised and found no fault and no concern with Officer Liz. Further, Officer Liz did not engage in any disciplinary actions against any children. As this matter is not specific to your children, I trust you will understand that I will not comment further regarding the specifics of the matter in question.

Should you have additional concerns specific to the alleged incident, I ask that you direct such concern Chief Garofalo. Under the MOU, section 2.3, Inquiries Regarding Law Enforcement Operations.

All inquiries or complaints received by school personnel regarding interviews, investigations, arrests or other operations conducted by sworn law enforcement officers shall be directed to the appropriate law enforcement agency. This shall apply to inquiries from parents, guardians, the press or any other sources. A school official receiving such an inquiry or complaint shall also notify the appropriate law enforcement agency of the nature of the inquiry or complaint (N.J.A.C. 6A:16-6.3).

Regarding the broader concerns noted, Class III police officers do not address student discipline. This was and has been stated very clearly both by members of the District and Building Administration. The responsibility of disciplinary investigations falls squarely on the building administration. Should a disciplinary incident occur, building administrators are required to address the incident and act according to Board of Education Policy and Regulations. On the other hand, the primary role of the Class III police officers is to assist in ensuring the safety and security of our students, staff, and community members. Community policing is the foundation of their charge, and since community policing requires communication and relationship building, at the elementary level community policing is all about building

relationships with children. Throughout the Spring and Summer, I made multiple presentations in which I stressed the importance for police officers to build relationships with our students, staff, and community.

In that respect, Officer Liz and all of our Class III police officers will speak with students, build relationships, present materials in conjunction with building administration/guidance/district staff, etc. The only time a Class III police officer would be involved directly with children in an investigatory matter is – as it has always been – if the matter is one where police involvement is mandated by the State’s Uniform Memorandum of Understanding between Law Enforcement and Public Schools.

In order to provide additional information I have attached two documents for your review. Attached is the May 8th BOE presentation on Class III police officers and the July WWP News op-ed written by Chief Garofalo, Chief Armour, and me.

Lastly, I respect your concern that we must be mindful of bias. I cannot comment on the Force Report as I am unaware of this study. You have cited information that would be best responded to by the township.

I can say that having worked in other school districts, I have found that the West Windsor and Plainsboro Police Departments are extensively trained, strive to build partnerships with community members, and take great pride in serving and protecting our two communities. I, for one, am honored to work with them and trust the processes they have put in place. With respect to Class III Officers, they are serving our school community and working to ensure a safe and secure learning environment, and I do not accept the premise that those men and women have elected to serve in our schools and work with our students so they can discriminate against them.

We will continue to be steadfast in our expectations and will continue to work to ensure a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aderhold

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Subject: Re: Class III Police Officer

Dear Dr. Aderhold

I am writing to discuss some of the issues raised in your email exchange with Veronica. Before doing so I would like to state for the record that I agree with many of the policies you and the School Board have introduced to reduce the stress levels of the students in the district and your emphasis on the "whole" child. I also want to let you know that I am very happy with the good work Mr. Argese and his staff at Dutch Neck do in educating our children.

The concern Veronica and I have regarding this particular incident involves the issue of whether or not there is a protocol in place for when a Class III Officer wants to interact directly with an elementary age student and if, so, what is that protocol?

Here, apparently Officer Liz went directly to [REDACTED] classroom and asked Mr Eikelberner if she could speak to the student. Mr Eikelberner, who is a wonderful teacher, assented and asked the student to come forward and Mr. Eikelberner, the student and Officer Liz had a conversation in the hallway outside of the classroom doorway.. We subsequently were informed of this by [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] voiced [REDACTED] concern that [REDACTED] thought the student was in trouble. Empathizing with a young child and knowing of their wandering and sometimes greatly exaggerated thoughts, I venture to guess that [REDACTED] was not the only student in the classroom concerned and perhaps even alarmed when an armed police officer entered the classroom area and singled out a particular classmate for attention.

It is my understanding that the role of the Class III police officer is to provide security at the school and try to prevent and mitigate a shooting event at the school. And to find out that here Officer Liz, on her own initiative, apparently without the knowledge or prior consent of Mr. Argese, went directly to the classroom to interact with a young student is alarming. No matter what her intentions were, as a parent I am concerned that a when a five to eight year old child sees a police officer armed with a gun coming towards the classroom and asks the teacher to bring a child from the classroom forward there is a very real possibility that the child singled out may experience immediate feelings of fear and shame and many of the other children may also experience fear and confusion. Additionally, even if Officer Liz on this occasion believed she was being helpful, I am concerned that unless there is a specific protocol in place detailing under what circumstances and how the

Class III Officers can interact directly with the students the district will be walking on a "slippery slope" that may lead to future negative interactions between the armed Class III Officers and students.

As the father of three young Hispanic children and knowing that a majority of the students in the district are non-white and further knowing that according to the Force Report a black person in West Windsor is 1083% more likely to have force used on them than a white person and that black persons comprise 35% of the arrests in West Windsor even though they comprise only 3.2% of the population and knowing that the West Windsor Police Department is overwhelmingly comprised of white officers, I am greatly concerned that the Class III Police Officers working in the schools may have an unconscious bias against non-white children. Unless there is a protocol in place to ensure that the Administration and not the armed Class III Police Officers will be handling any disciplinary or other events that require singling out a child there may be future events that negatively impact the children and the school.

Thus I would greatly appreciate it if you can tell me whether there is any protocol in place when a Class II Police Officer wants to interact directly with an elementary age student and what it is, and ,if not, does the administration plan to implement any such protocol in the future?

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely

Chris Mehno

On Fri, Jan 25, 2019 at 4:26 PM Aderhold, David <David.Aderhold@ww-p.org> wrote:

Mrs. Mehno,

Good Afternoon. Unfortunately, the fact pattern you outlined in your January 21, 2019 email is inaccurate and does not match the interactions of Officer Liz and the student, or the interactions between Officer Liz and the teacher; both of which Mr. Argese tried to clarify previously in his emails to you.

Again, at no time did Officer Liz “pull the student out,” “intentionally and purposefully” disrupted a classroom, “interrogating a minor,” or engage in police “brutality.” For you to continue to assert otherwise is disingenuous, and appears to based more on your often stated disagreement with the decision of the Board and our two Municipal Governing partners to assign Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officers in our schools rather than the alleged incident with Officer Liz. Mr. Argese has addressed your concern and has resolved this matter to the District’s satisfaction, and it has been determined that Officer Liz showed the utmost care and concern for a student, and has proven to be a valued addition to our school community.

I must say that the District and I are troubled by your continued and unfounded attacks on Officer Liz – first claiming that she was ineffective as she is, in your opinion, nothing more than a “grandmother with a gun” and now repeatedly claiming, despite being advised otherwise, that Officer Liz is now a harassing, intimidating, and brutal police officer. It is my hope that you will refrain in the future from unnecessary personal and professional attacks against dedicated public servants, such as Officer Liz, the other Class Three Special Law Enforcement Officers in our buildings and the Building Principal and staff at Dutch Neck School.

Sincerely,

Dr. Aderhold

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Cc: 'Chris Mehno' <cmehno@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Class III Police Officer
Importance: High

Good Afternoon WWP Administration, BOE Members, Council Members and Mr. Mayor.

I will tell you what happened at Dutch neck on Wednesday January 16. In addition if you scroll down you can verify for yourself the information that I am providing you as there are a few emails exchanged with Mr. Argese, Principal at Dutch neck.

On Wednesday [REDACTED] was with one of [REDACTED] classmates in the bathroom. When they left the bathroom, Officer Liz, who is the class III Police Officer at DN stops my [REDACTED] classmate. She asked [REDACTED] name and in what class [REDACTED] was. Later that afternoon, Officer Liz went to the classroom and interrupted Mr. Eikelberner's teaching and pulled the student out of the classroom and talked to [REDACTED] for some minutes.

When I asked Mr. Argese, why a police officer is getting involved in the day to day running of the school, Mr. Argese said that she was trying to be “helpful” and there is “no protocol” to follow.

It has been clearly stated by Mr. Aderhold and Lt. Lee that the police officers would never get involved in disciplinary actions. Therefore I would like to know the following:

- 1- Why is Officer Liz “questioning” a student by asking him his name and in what class he is?
- 2- Why is Officer Liz “intentionally and purposefully” stopping a teacher and interrupting a classroom?
- 3- Why is Officer Liz “intentionally and purposely” pulling a student out of the classroom?
- 4- Why is Officer Liz “intentionally and purposely” talking to a student without the student’s parents being present?
- 5- Why is Officer Liz “intentionally and purposely” getting involved in the day to day running of the school?
- 6- Please explain to me what it means that Officer Liz was being “helpful” as it seems it is a “slippery slope” of what could mean?
- 7- Why Mr. Argese said there is “no” protocol to follow when this type of situations should not be happening.
- 8- It is against the LAW for a police officer to question/talk/interrogate a minor without the minor’s parents/guardians present. Why is Officer Liz doing that?
- 9- Would the school Administration allow a security guard to pull a student out of the classroom and “talk” to that student? Probably not. So Why is this police officer doing so?
- 10- The “perception” this police officer gave to the rest of the students was that the student she pulled out was in trouble. Why would she “intentionally and purposely” give that impression?

Mr. Aderhold and Mr. Marathe. I want answers to all these questions as this event is not to be taken lightly.

As a Latina myself and parent of 3 Latino students I am very concerned on how this police officer is handling herself. **In addition my husband and I do NOT authorize any police officer in any building to pull our children from any classroom to have a “helpful” conversation.** I would view that as harassment, intimidation and police brutality.

In the Memorandum of Understanding, it does not describe “any” situation where a police officer can interrupt a classroom and pull a student out and have a conversation without the parents being present. The law states that a minor has to be ALWAYS accompanied by a parent/guardian.

I await answers to all of my questions.

Sincerely,

Veronica Mehno

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Cc: 'Chris Mehno' <cmehno@gmail.com>; Bruce, Laura <Laura.Bruce@ww-p.org>
Subject: RE: Class III Police Officer

Good morning Mrs. Mehno,

To clarify, Officer Liz did not pull a student out of the classroom. Mr. Eikelberner brought the student over to the door so they would all be able to speak without the other students listening to their conversation.

There is no protocol that states police officers should not interact with students. At the elementary level, it's important that children learn that police officers are helpers. When they see Officer Liz as they enter the building, walk down the hallway, eat their lunch, or play on the playground, students say hello and see her as a friendly face. Officer Liz is part of our Dutch Neck community and therefore interacts with students and staff members.

I hope you and your family enjoy the long weekend.

Sincerely,

David J. Argese

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Cc: 'Chris Mehno' <cmehno@gmail.com>; Bruce, Laura <Laura.Bruce@ww-p.org>
Subject: RE: Class III Police Officer

Mr. Argese,

I do appreciate your email. However, the question is still not answered. The question is “Why is a Police Officer pulling a student out of the classroom?”.

The protocol states that the police officers should not interact with students UNLESS there is a shooting, which of course that was not the case.

Why wasn't an administrator called in to be “helpful” with the student?

Why wasn't the protocol followed?

Please let me know

Thanks,

Veronica Mehno

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Dear Mrs. Mehno,

We are aware of the roles and responsibilities of the Class III police officers. We have looked into the matter and found that Officer Liz was being helpful to a student. [REDACTED] perception of the student being “in trouble” is not accurate. I can assure you that your concerns of “police brutality and intimidation” here at Dutch Neck are unfounded. I’m not disagreeing that these issues don’t exist in our society, but here at Dutch Neck, the feedback we’ve received from staff and students after having Officer Liz join our community has been a very positive.

Sincerely,

David J. Argese

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Cc: 'Chris Mehno' <cmehno@gmail.com>
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Importance: High

Dear Mr. Argese and Mr. Eikleberner,

Today [REDACTED] came from school and told me that a classmate ([REDACTED] not sure about spelling) was stopped by Officer Liz in a hallway. She asked [REDACTED] name and the class that [REDACTED] was in. Later Officer Liz showed up at Mr. Eikelberner's class and asked to talk to [REDACTED] again.

[REDACTED] said "I think he was in trouble!"

As you know, I would like to understand why a class III Police Officer is interrogating students and why a class III Police officer is pulling students out of the class.

It has been very clearly stated that police officers are not in schools for disciplinary actions. So, why would she go to the class and ask to talk to a student?

As a mother of 3 HISPANIC students that attend DN I am highly concerned of police brutality and intimidation towards students.

Before this situation escalates any further I would like to understand why this officer acted in the way she acted.

I await your comments

Sincerely,

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