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VIA FAX AND MAIL

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Dear Mr. Kissel:

This law firm represents Syracuse University (the "University"). Your letter dated January 10, 2012 has been forwarded to us for response.

We do not agree with many of the assertions in your letter. In particular, it is important to note that professional conduct as a student teacher is not only an SOE academic requirement but also a part of the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education ("NCATE") standards. While we could address other aspects of your letter, debate is unnecessary at this point.

In accordance with the University's understanding with Mr. Werenczak, the faculty committee met on Friday, January 13, 2012. The committee decided to allow Mr. Werenczak to continue student teaching on the same terms as any other SOE student. This decision was communicated to Mr. Werenczak today. A copy of SOE's letter to Mr. Werenczak is included with this correspondence.

As your letter suggests, the resumption of Mr. Werenczak's student teaching experience resolves this matter.

If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

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