



SUPERINTENDENT'S DETERMINATION OF APPEAL UNDER M.G.L. c. 71, §37H½

VIA

Date

Parent/Guardian

Address

Re:

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

On _____, I convened an appeal hearing pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71, §37H½ on the School Principal's decision to suspend your child as a result of the following pending felony charge(s): _____ and related determination that, because of these charges, your child's continued presence in school would have a substantial detrimental effect on the school community.

Present at the appeal hearing were _____. I am attaching copies of the Principal's original notice of charges to you/your child, relevant correspondence concerning scheduling of a meeting with the Principal and with the scheduling of this appeal, as well as the documentation on which the Principal's decision was based, including the documents or statements you submitted.

In the course of this appeal, I have reviewed these materials and considered the points that you raised with me and any additional documentation you provided. I have determined that _____ continued presence in school _____ have a substantial detrimental effect on the school community. The key facts supporting my conclusion are summarized as follows:

- _____
- _____

As a result of the foregoing:

- ☐ The suspension/exclusion will continue as originally set.
- ☐ The suspension/exclusion is overturned.



_____ The suspension/exclusion is overturned, but the student may return to school only subject to the following conditions, failure to abide by which will result in reconsideration of this decision:
_____ The suspension/exclusion is reduced to _____ school days.

If I have upheld the suspension of your child, your child may receive educational services during this period of suspension as an opportunity to make academic progress during the suspension period. Please contact _____ if you would like further information about the District's School-Wide Education Plan. If I have upheld the expulsion of your child, or reduced the expulsion to a long-term suspension, and the student receives educational services pursuant to an IEP, the student's Team will convene to address provision of educational services during the suspension.

Sincerely,

Justin Baker
Director

cc: Cynthia Miller, Special Services Director
School Principal
Student Record