

Ms. Kathleen Pollina; Local Instructional Supervisor;  
Regarding:  
Mr. Anthony Rotunno; Principal, JFK HS  
99 Terrace View ave. Bronx, New York 10463

February 13, 2006

Dear Ms. Pollina,

This letter is in response to Mr. Rotunno's January 11, 2006 letter summarizing the events of December 2005. Please assure that Mr. Rotunno receives this reply, as it is required, as per union contract to be attached to his 'December Summary of Events' letter, if it is to be placed in my employment file.

Mr. Rotunno states that I "continued to ignore directives advising me to report to 501 Courtlandt avenue until further notice; "not to have contact with students in person or via email"; or " any involvement with John F. Kennedy high school unless so authorized".

Ms. Pollina, as you may recall, I have written numerous letters to you, your boss, Irma Zardoya, Senior Legal Counsel at ROC; Diana Armenikas and UFT representatives Lynn Winderbaum and Dianne Stillman in an effort to obtain my possessions.

After a month of making requests, Ms. Armenikas finally sent me an email permitting me to return to the school on November 28, 2005. The letter made it clear that I might require two visits as I had a lot of materials to reclaim. [I was ultimately able to reclaim my property on January 25, 2006; after coming to the school with a police escort and an order from Bronx Supreme Court.]

On the morning of December 8, 2008; I arrived at the school in an attempt to retrieve my property. I was denied access.

On December 13, 2005; I went to the school with my permission letter from Ms. Armenikas. Mr. Rotunno used his school safety officers to detain and then, arrest me on a false charge of trespass.

I was not in the school on December 19 or December 21, 2005. Mr. Rotunno will have to substantiate any allegations that he has made.

Ms. Pollina, I ask you, what behaviors and actions constitute "unbecoming conduct" for a teacher – or, a principal? The wording of Mr. Rotunno's letter; his threats of punishment for "refusing to obey", and his demand to "cease and desist" sounds to me, to be fearful and combative. Mr. Rotunno's has made unrelenting attempts to create a paper trail of accusatory and unsubstantiated

'letters to file' against me. I find his efforts to fire me to be 'unbecoming' of a man entrusted to lead a school.

Sincerely,

Natalie Williams

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UFT- Dianne Stillman, Lynne Winderbaum, Rodney Grubiak  
DOE - Kathleen Pollina, Irma Zardoya's Replacement  
JFK – Anthony Rotunno