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Pittsfield School District

EMPLOYMENT REFERENCES AND VERIFICATION (PROHIBITING AIDING AND ABETTING OF SEXUAL ABUSE)

The district shall act in good faith when providing employment references and verification of employment for current and former employees.

The district and its employees, contractors, and agents are prohibited from providing a recommendation of employment, and/or from otherwise assisting any school employee, contractor, or agent in obtaining a new position or other employment if he/she or the district has knowledge of or probable cause to believe that the other employee, contractor, or agent (“alleged perpetrator”) engaged in illegal sexual misconduct with a minor or student. This prohibition does not include the routine transmission of administrative and personnel files.

This prohibition does not apply if:

- A. The information giving rise to probable cause has been properly reported to a law enforcement agency within jurisdiction;
- B. The information giving rise to probable cause has been reported to any other authorities as required by local, state, or federal law (for instance, the New Hampshire Division of Children, Youth, and Families); and
- C. At least one of the following conditions applies:
 1. The matter has been officially closed;
 2. District officials have been notified by the prosecutor or police after an investigation that there is insufficient information for them to proceed;
 3. The school employee, contractor, or agent has been charged with and acquitted or otherwise exonerated; or
 4. The case or investigation remains open, and there have been no charges filed against or indictment of the school employee, contractor, or agent within four years of the date on which the information was reported to a law enforcement agency.

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