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Dear Commissioner of Education,

As a parent in SAD 6, this letter serves as an official complaint against Superintendent Frank Sherburne. I am officially requesting the Department of Education to investigate and take action to enforce any relevant state statutes, including that the DOE revoke certification of a superintendent if he/she is found to employ someone in the district who does not have proper certification or authorization.

According to 14.1 Grounds for Revocation and Suspension:

F. Breach of superintendent's duty: The certificate of a superintendent of schools may be suspended or revoked for the knowing employment of personnel who do not hold the appropriate certification, authorization, or approval, or for the knowing assignment of educational personnel to duties for which they do not possess appropriate certification, authorization, or approval, as stated in Section 15.3.E of this rule.

As revealed by the investigation into the hiring of Zachariah Sherburne in both SAD 6 and SAD 55:

- The DOE never issued any authorization or approval for Zachariah Sherburne before he was hired in either district or while he was employed in either district
- The DOE never even issued a temporary 8-week card to prove he had the proper fingerprints and criminal background check
- The DOE also confirmed Zachariah Sherburne had no authorization to work as an ed tech

All of the statements above are from a DOE official and clearly violate the statute outlined for the hiring of employees in public schools. Proper action should be taken against the superintendents in both SAD 6 and SAD 55 for failing to follow the law in this matter.

It is clear to me these superintendents have violated multiple policies and I refuse to allow my children to suffer any potential consequences due to a lack of failed leadership in the district.

I implore you to do the right thing for the sake of the children in SAD 6 and SAD 55-they deserve honest leaders in their school district who should serve as role models, not people who choose to work by their own set of rules without any repercussions.

Per state statute, I am following the proper procedure to request such an investigation, as stated below:

- A. Preliminary Inquiry - Upon receipt of a written complaint or upon his or her own motion, the Commissioner may initiate a preliminary inquiry concerning allegations which could lead to revocation or suspension of a certificate, authorization or approval.

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I look forward to a speedy response and investigation into this matter; our children are counting on you do to the right thing and work on their behalf to ensure the leaders in SAD 6 and in SAD 55 are held to the highest of standards.

Sincerely,

Amanda Cooper

Buxton Parent