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Statement from Delinda Dykes Regarding Arbitration Decision

Amherst, Mass. (July 30, 2025) - I have seen the strong reaction of some community members to the Arbitrator's decision to reinstate me. Today I am releasing the Arbitrator's decision in order to provide some much-needed context in this situation. I was very pleased with this decision, which found not only that I did not receive due process in my termination, but more importantly that the "evidence" of the charges against me was insufficient and that it is in the best interest of the students for me to return to my job. I maintained my innocence throughout this entire process, and I believe this decision is a start in the process of my full vindication.

Many have continued to make false and harmful allegations about me. Let me be clear, I am innocent. I deeply share everyone's concern about the safety and well-being of all students, including those who identify as LGBTQIA+ and I will never waver in my commitment to help all students. I look forward to returning to Amherst Regional Middle School this school year. Due to ongoing litigation with the school district, I will refrain from commenting further.

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