

Ashly McGlone

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Ms. McGlone,

This is the first time that I've heard about most of these allegations. I remember Ms. Gant's complaint in 2003; I disputed her claims and the school district found no substantiation for them. I also remember the anonymous "anti-bullying" complaint made against me thirteen years later, in 2016. The district conducted an investigation and once again found no evidence of misconduct. I wasn't represented by SDEA counsel regarding either the 2003 or 2016 investigations, or at any other time. I never asked Ryan Lindenblatt to withhold any information about any topic from the SDEA, and I never engaged in retaliatory behavior against any student. I'm not familiar with any DFEH complaint. The balance of allegations in your message are also new to me. They appear to come from a few female students who graduated in 2013 and 2014. I don't know if any of those students complained to their parents or the school district. I don't recall ever being informed of any such complaints between the 2003 and 2016 complaints mentioned above.

During the interim, I was named Teacher of the Year at La Jolla High and I was also a finalist for San Diego County Teacher of the Year:

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-teacher-spotlight1031e-2009oct31-story.html>

It appears that I was also periodically reviewed online by students from 2003 to 2016. Notably, none of the 29 student reviews of my teaching performance on the following ratings website mention any issue regarding infringement of personal space or physical boundaries with students. I consider that significant especially because all of the incidents described in your message allegedly happened during class with other students present:

<http://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/sdut-teacher-spotlight1031e-2009oct31-story.html>

Throughout the school day, and particularly in lab settings, I routinely interacted with students: for example, I might inadvertently contact a student while looking over his or her shoulder to assist with an assignment, or I might tap students to move them out of the way or to move to a different part of the classroom. However, throughout my career, I always did my best to respect my students' physical space and privacy. I would never have intentionally harmed or frightened a student.

Finally, in light of these new allegations, I have enlisted the services of an attorney to help protect my interests in this matter. His name is Dorn Bishop and he is copied on this message. Please contact him directly with respect to all future communications.

Thank you and best regards,

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