

# Greenwich Central School

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September 21, 2011

Dear Parents:

Over the past few days, you may have read media reports that Mr. Ryan Turnbull, physical education teacher and coach at the High School, was arrested by the state police, and now faces charges of aggravated DWI, leaving the scene of an accident, possession of a weapon, and menacing a police officer, as described by the Saratogian and Post Star newspapers. The district became aware of this through these local media reports, as many district families did. As superintendent, I wanted to let you know about the district's response to these events.

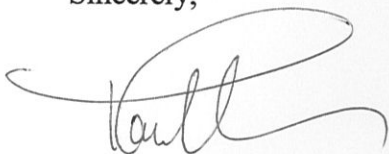
First, Mr. Turnbull has not been on school grounds since these incidents happened, and will not be returning until these matters have been resolved. We have submitted the appropriate documentation to the New York State Education Department. Upon receiving the information the New York State Education Department will begin its own investigation.

Second, Mr. Turnbull is only facing charges at this time -- he has not been convicted of any crime. The district is working with the school's attorney to cooperate fully with all parties involved.

Third, we recognize that students may have difficulty understanding the situation, and encourage you to contact the guidance department if you feel your child needs support.

We want you to know we take this very seriously and we will work in a legal and compassionate manner to resolve the issues and provide a safe environment for students and staff. If you have any questions, please feel free to call my office. We will attempt to answer any questions without violating any confidentiality of any individual.

Sincerely,



Thomas F. McGowan