



WILLOWS UNIFIED
SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 4, 2009

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

RE: Gary Tudesko
Willows High School, Grade 11

Susan and Bill Parisio
P.O. Box 372
Willows, CA 95988

Dear Mrs. Parisio:

This letter follows our meeting on October 28, 2009, regarding the recommendation for expulsion for your son, Gary Tudesko. As I explained to you in our conversation, an expulsion hearing will be scheduled before the Willows Unified School District Governing Board to consider the recommendation for expulsion for your son. Based on the recommendation from Mort Geivett, Principal, Willows High School, I have determined that it is indeed necessary to extend Gary's suspension pending the outcome of the District's expulsion hearing. This is based upon a finding that Gary poses a continuing danger to himself or others, or a threat of disrupting the instructional process.

During the period between now and the hearing, Willows High School will be collecting work from Gary's teachers. You may pick up the work at the front office for Gary to complete. Please contact the high school to check on the status of the collected work, or if you have any questions.

A certified letter will be sent to you from the District regarding the expulsion hearing proceedings. This letter will indicate the date and time of the hearing, along with other information regarding hearing procedures.

I would like to meet with you and your son prior to the District's expulsion hearing, on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 1 p.m., so that we may go over this information, as well as the



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documents to be used in the District expulsion hearing to be held at a later date. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will need to reschedule this time.

As a reminder, your child is to remain away from the Willows High School campus and all other campuses of the Willows Unified School District and any school activities until the expulsion process is completed.

Please call my office at 934-6600, if you have any questions concerning this matter.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steve Olmos
Superintendent



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November 6, 2009

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL

Susan Parisio
RE: Gary Tudesko
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NOTICE OF EXPULSION HEARING

RE: GARY TUDESKO
Willows High School, Grade 11

Dear Ms. Parisio:

Mort Geivett, Principal, Willows High School, has referred your son Gary Tudesko ("Gary/Student") for an expulsion hearing to the District's Governing Board with a recommendation for expulsion based on the following:

Specific Charge: Education Code, Section 48900:

- (b) Possessed, sold, or otherwise furnished a firearm, knife, explosive, or other dangerous object.

Specific Charge: Education Code, Section 48915:

- (c)(1) Possessing, selling, or otherwise furnishing a firearm.

Specific Facts Substantiating Charge(s):

The Administration of the Willows High School is recommending that Gary Tudesko, an eleventh grade student be expelled. Presently, the student has had his suspension extended pending the expulsion hearing. The High School is recommending the expulsion hearing for the following reasons: On October 26, 2009 at 9:15 AM, Mort Geivett, Principal, Willows High School was informed that during a routine sweep of the campus parking areas, the Interquest canine alerted on



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Gary's truck, which was parked behind the school tennis courts. Officer Alves, Willows Police Department and District School Resource Officer were summoned to the school office, and as Gary's truck was searched, ammunition and two shotguns were found within the vehicle. Gary was informed that this was a violation of the Education Code, Section 48900, subdivision, (b). Gary was initially suspended for five days and later his suspension was extended pending the expulsion hearing itself.

This is a serious matter and may ultimately result in Gary's expulsion from the school district.

As you are aware, Dr. Steve Olmos, Superintendent, has discussed these charges with you. The District's expulsion hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 19, 2009 at 1:00 PM at the Willows City Hall, in the City Chamber, located at 201 North Lassen Street, Willows, California, 95988. The District's Governing Board will conduct the expulsion hearing in this matter and will function under the guidelines stipulated pursuant to Section 48918 of the Education Code. You are requested to attend the hearing with your child to discuss the matter with us. After considering the information presented, the Governing Board will make a final order regarding whether your child will be expelled.

Please note, you and your child have the following procedural rights with regard to an expulsion hearing with the Board:

1. You have the right to appear in person at the hearing and to employ and be represented by counsel or other persons who may be present. You may also be represented by a non attorney advisor.
2. You have the right to see copies of all documents to be used at the hearing and to obtain them in advance of the hearing by making a written request of the District's administration.
3. You have the right to ask pertinent questions of witnesses. Any witness may be requested to appear voluntarily at the hearing on the student's behalf. Subpoenas for personal appearance at the hearing may be issued for percipient witnesses only.
4. You have the right to question all evidence presented and present your version to the Governing Board.
5. You have the right to present verbal and documentary evidence on behalf of your student.
6. You have the right to request a postponement of the hearing, which shall not exceed 30 calendar days. Your request must be submitted in writing prior to the scheduled hearing.
7. The hearing will be held in a session closed to the public unless you request, in writing, at least five days prior to the date of the hearing that the hearing be conducted in public session.
8. Technical rules of evidence shall not apply at the hearing.
9. Pursuant to Education Code section 48915.1, an expelled student or parent/guardian is obligated to inform any new district, in which the student seeks to enroll, of the student's status with the expelling district.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. We look forward to reaching a final resolution in this matter soon.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steve Olmos
Superintendent

SECTION 2:

EXPECTED STUDENT BEHAVIOR AND DISCIPLINE POLICIES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE OF STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND EXPECTED BEHAVIOR

Rules and regulations are established for maintaining an atmosphere that is conducive to learning and to a campus that is safe for all students and staff. Students who do not comply with such rules and regulations may be counseled, reprimanded, suspended, or, in extreme cases, expelled and/or arrested when violations of the law have occurred.

All students shall comply with the regulations, pursue a required course of study that leads to graduating from high school, and submit to the authority of the teachers and administration of the school. (E.C. 48921)

Participation or attendance at extracurricular activities is considered a part of the educational program. Participants and spectators carry responsibilities as representatives of their schools and communities. All rules of student conduct also apply to student activities during or after regular school hours whether on or off campus.

BASIC STUDENT BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

In order for each student to get the maximum benefit from the educational program at Willows High School, it is necessary and important that everyone observe the following;

- Attend your assigned classes and be on time each day;
- Do all the assignments required by the teacher;
- Respect the rights of other people, which include fellow students, teachers, guests of the school, and other employees of the school district.

All students shall be held accountable for their behavior/actions if they choose to violate any of these basic expectations.