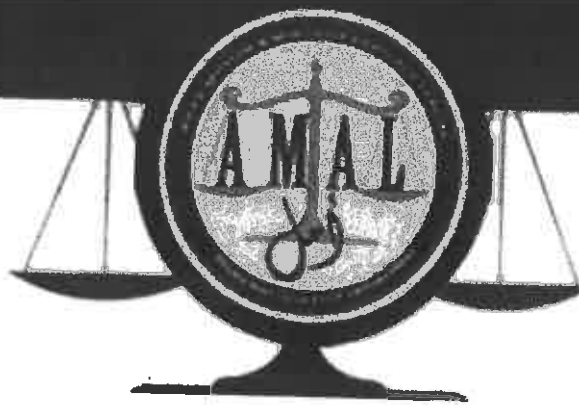


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Re: Immediate removal of middle school teacher Mr. Peter Bloye from classroom

Dear Mr. Maleyko,

I write about a series of incidents that occurred on Monday and Tuesday September 23 and 24, 2019 at Stout Middle School. Mr. Peter Bloye, an eighth grade science teacher conducted himself in a shocking dialogue with a hijab-wearing 8th grade student. This included:

Are you an American? Do you want to be an American? Why don't you go back to where you came from? You come here and get free food and free education; why aren't you grateful?"

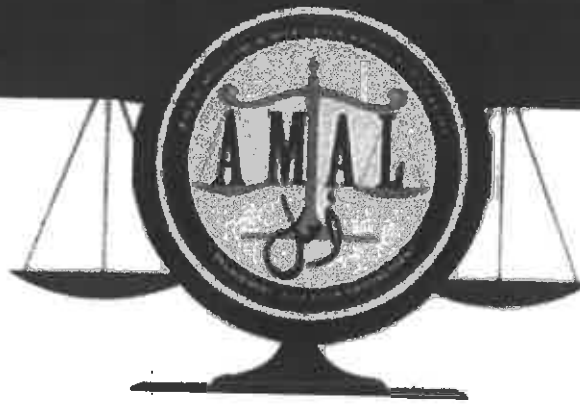
The student reported the comments to the administration. The 8th grade student even provided a written statement that by itself warrants his immediate removal. Instead of suspending him, he was allowed to harass and intimidate the student the next day. This included sitting on her desk and hanging his legs in front of her. Merely transferring her out of his classroom does not solve the problem. Bigots often exhibit this pattern of behavior. They spew their hatred, then bully students who are brave enough to speak up. This straight A student should be commended for her strength. Sadly, as news has spread of her reporting of the incidents, her morale has been sapped and has demonstrated a decline in her performance.

Various administrators have attempted to persuade the student and her family that they have "misunderstood" his hostility. There is no misunderstanding. Nor is this merely an issue of "insensitivity" as conveyed by Stout's administration. In fact, the student and others impacted deserve a full apology and explanation. This should include but not be limited to:

- a) A district-wide notification with unequivocal condemnation of Mr. Bloye's words and intimidation
- b) His immediate suspension from the classroom
- c) Communication to students of a safe space for them to report such behavior

In a few short days, we have conducted a preliminary investigation into the teacher. Our

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preliminary look into the matter has revealed multiple outrageous incidents with this teacher. These include the great lengths he has gone to criticize and condemn sensitivities of Muslim and Arab girls. While a complete one conducted by the district will undoubtedly reveal more, the teacher has stated the following:

- a) Immigrants have worsened the quality of our schools
- b) These English Language Learners have a problem complying with rules
- c) Immigrants abuse and "milk" the system
- d) Only in Dearborn do girls wear the hijab. Why don't they take it off their head.

A teacher with such openly hostile views has no place in any classroom, especially one with English Language Learners (ELL). A teacher willing to state such views and bully students who disagree presents a challenge to public safety. The irony of a school district like Dearborn allowing this teacher to remain in the classroom is clear. Dearborn Public Schools must show a zero-tolerance policy for these racist and bigoted actions. Please restore the dignity and integrity lost from Mr. Bloye's unacceptable behavior.

Finally, I submit to Mr. Bloye and others who are "offended" by Arab and Muslim students, their culture and community—there are plenty of other districts who do not have our "type." Dearborn is the wrong place for him and the likes of him. We expect an immediate response. Most importantly, we expect more from a district whose stated mission is "students first."

Sincerely,
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