



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ALTOONA

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District Response to Leader-Telegram Article

Altoona, November 14, 2017. The *Eau Claire Leader Telegram* today published an article with the headline, "Altoona fires schools Superintendent Biedron, sources say." The subheading is "Dismissal comes 2 months after school board renews her contract through 2018-19."

Superintendent Biedron has not been fired; Superintendent Biedron has not been dismissed. Superintendent Biedron does have a contract which runs through the 2018-19 school year.

The *Eau Claire Leader Telegram* has published "fake news." The District (and presumably Superintendent Biedron) will be seeking all appropriate legal and equitable relief resulting from this irresponsible and misleading article. This includes seeking a front page, over-the-fold, retraction; an apology to both the District and Superintendent Biedron; as well as exploring potential legal actions. There is a reason personnel matters are addressed in closed session - the reputation and effectiveness of employees hang in the balance. The *Eau Claire Leader Telegram's* speculation as to who and what was discussed at the November 6 closed session arguably defames and libels, and certainly damages, both Superintendent Biedron and the District.

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