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To: Waunakee Community School Board, Waunakee High School Administration and Communication Dept.

My name is Jerry Petitgoue and I taught at Cuba City for 32 years and coached boys' basketball for 52 years there. My current position is Executive Director of the Wisconsin Basketball Coaches Association and its 4,500 members.

I am writing this email in support of Dana MacKenzie who I believe deserves a chance to explain his side of the story. All people are innocent until proven guilty. I believe due process was not given in this case.

Fact: Waunakee has one of the best boys' basketball programs in the state.

Fact: Dana MacKenzie and his staff are recognized by coaches across the state as being as good a staff as there is in the state.

Fact: Waunakee boys' basketball, for the past 20 years, has always represented your school district with class. This is a real credit to Coach MacKenzie.

Now I will be the first to say that I do not know all the facts. However, I believe that Coach MacKenzie deserves a chance to tell his side of the story.

The Waunakee school district has always been recognized as a great place to teach and coach. My hope is that you will do the right thing here and allow a review of the whole ordeal.

I appreciate the chance to express my views. I have always admired the town of Waunakee. My brother-in-law, Mike Pandow, lives there and all four of his children attended Waunakee schools. My good friend, Tim Murray, who I coached at Cuba City lives there and had children who attended your schools.

I just wanted an opportunity to express my concerns concerning this matter. Thanks you so much!

Jerry Petitgoue
Executive Director, WBCA