

# DECATUR CITY SCHOOLS

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The Decatur City Board of Education is pleased to have been able to bring closure to personnel proceedings involving Carrie Cabri Witt by securing Ms. Witt's resignation. The Board's approval of Ms. Witt's resignation does not in any way signify its acceptance of or agreement with her denial of culpability. Carrie Witt was a former teacher at Decatur High School, who, according to Court records, was arrested on March 21, 2016, for alleged violation of Code of Alabama §13A-6-81, "School Employee engaging in a sex act with a student under the age of 19 years" which is a class B felony, carrying a range of punishment from two years to twenty years in prison.

The termination hearing was delayed by order of The Circuit Court of Morgan County. Decatur City Schools appealed this delay to the Supreme Court of Alabama. The Supreme Court unanimously ruled in the Board's favor, reversing the injunction. A termination hearing was scheduled as soon as possible, for Tuesday, August 14, 2018. This resignation negates the necessity of the termination hearing. Although legal complications beyond our control delayed resolution of the case, the determination to pursue it to conclusion confirms the Board's unwavering commitment to ensuring that our faculty and staff adhere to the highest standards of professionalism in their dealings with students.

Thank you,

Karen Duke, Board President  
Donnie Lane, Vice President  
Dwight Jett  
Michele King  
Peggy Baggett