

July 16, 2007

Judge Presiding  
Forsyth County Superior Court

Re: State of North Carolina vs. Ptolemy Carr – DWI and Vehicular Homicide Charges

Your Honor:

The Guilford County Board of Education Chairman Alan Duncan relayed a question to me from Mr. Carr's attorney, Locke Clifford. The question was whether Guilford County Schools would be interested in having Mr. Carr speak at our driver's education classes on the evils of drunk driving. The answer is that we are always looking for ways to turn out students who are safe, sober and responsible drivers.

Mr. Clifford says that Mr. Carr is a resident of Greensboro who teaches at Winston-Salem State University and was the morning news anchor at WXII; that he will be pleading guilty to the felony charges he is facing; that he is presently residing in the Winston-Salem jail and that he is extremely remorseful for his misconduct. My guess is that a professional teacher and speaker who admits criminal guilt and takes responsibility for the death of another person could be a powerful and positive influence on our students.

Please accept this letter as an invitation to the court and to Mr. Carr to participate in our driver's education program. If it proves successful, I will so advise other superintendents in the Piedmont Coalition.

Sincerely,

Terry B. Grier, Ed.D.  
Superintendent