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## **Temporary Order To Recall School Employee Offender Lists Made Permanent**

**DETROIT** -- Today, U.S. District Court Judge Paul Gadola signed a consent order making permanent the February 14, 2006 temporary order requiring recall of a list containing the names of public school employees who were alleged to have been convicted of a crime.

AFT Michigan President David Hecker said of the list which mistakenly named individuals as having committed serious crimes "To say these people were devastated I am certain is an understatement. I am pleased that the judge sees, as we do, that the law that was passed calling for such a list was meant to protect children not destroy the lives and reputations of innocent school employees."

He went on to say, "We will continue to work with the State to keep our schools safe, but we will not stop there, we must protect the innocent whether they are the students or the hard working teachers and support personnel in our public schools."

The State of Michigan will now attempt to create a new list that does not falsely label school employees as felons when they are not. AFT Michigan will closely monitor the list to insure that it is accurate.

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