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Dear Mr. Cutler,

We received your letter dated Feb. 20, 2009 regarding the Ontario College of Teachers' Discipline Committee hearing with respect to James Arthur Black just this morning, prior to the resumption of the hearing.

You should know that once a discipline matter is referred to the Discipline Committee, only the committee can decide how and whether to proceed. The committee previously found Mr. Black guilty of professional misconduct in October 2008, and today met to hear submissions on the appropriate penalty to be imposed. I understand the committee's decision will be forthcoming shortly.

Contrary what you may have been advised, Mr. Black was afforded due process prior to and during the hearing. He was not denied natural justice. The College prides itself on treating fairly all of its members facing a Discipline Committee hearing. Of course if Mr. Black disagrees with the Discipline Committee's decisions, there are statutory remedies available to him.

Sincerely,

Brian P. McGowan
Registrar and Chief Executive Officer

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