



CITIZEN REVIEW BOARD

BEN WALSH, MAYOR

February 20, 2018

Ms. Liza Acquah
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**Liza Acquah for J. B. vs. Officers One and Two
Primary Allegations of Misconduct: Excessive Force**

Dear Ms. Acquah:

In accordance with our authorizing local law, a Citizen Review Board Panel met on February 15, 2018 to review the above captioned matter. After careful review of the testimony and facts submitted, the CRB Panel made the following determination:

CRB Findings:

- Excessive Force: **Sustained against Officer One**
- Excessive Force: **Exonerated against Officer Two**

CRB Disciplinary Recommendations:

- Excessive Force: **Officer One should be suspended without pay for a period of one (1) week. A written reprimand should be placed in his personnel file indicating he was suspended without pay for one (1) week due to the excessive force that occurred at Nottingham High School on February 9, 2017 between Officer One and a student. Reassigned from his duties as an SRO for the Syracuse City School District for a period of one (1) year. A re-evaluation after one (1) year to determine his ability to resume his duties as an SRO for the Syracuse City School District.**

The CRB Hearing Panel found the testimony provided by J. B. to be credible. The witness provided accurate testimony regarding his interaction with J. B. as it relates to him failing to attend class. The CRB Hearing Panel believes that the video provided by the Syracuse City School District labelled FoyerPhonesndrestrooms_2017-02-09_08h13min50s000ms contradicts the very detailed statement provided by Officer One. The CRB Hearing Panel exonerates Officer Two regarding the allegation of excessive force.

Thank you for coming forward to file your complaint. Lodging an official complaint against a law enforcement official is not always an easy thing to do, but it is important that you did it. You did the right thing by contacting the CRB to have your case heard and investigated. This can ultimately lead to recommendations for changes and improvements in SPD policy, practices and