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LYNDONVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT; LYNDONVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.

Defendants.

REPLY MEMORANDUM OF LAW IN FURTHER SUPPORT OF DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND IN OPPOSITION TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

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### **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

There is no genuine issue of material fact in this case. From 1970-1990, Terry Houseman was a fifth-grade teacher at Lyndonville Central School District (the "District"). During the 1986 to 1987 school year, Plaintiff AB511 Doe was a fifth-grade student at Lyndonville Elementary School and was sexually abused by Houseman. Houseman was arrested in 1990, (3 years after Plaintiff's alleged abuse) when Lyndonville Elementary School principal Russel Martino reported Houseman to the police for molesting a child. All of the evidence developed in this matter definitively establishes that prior to the 1990 report of abuse, the District had no notice that Houseman was a danger to children. Accordingly, the District cannot be liable for negligent supervision of the Plaintiff, or negligent hiring, training, retention and/or supervision of Houseman. The District established its entitlement to judgment as a matter of law, and Plaintiff failed to rebut the District's showing, or establish his own entitlement to summary judgment. Therefore, the District's motion for summary judgment should be granted, Plaintiff's cross motion for summary judgment denied, and Plaintiff's Complaint dismissed, in its entirety and with prejudice.

## **ARGUMENT**

I. The District Had No Actual or Constructive Knowledge of Houseman's Propensities Prior to December 1990.

In its moving papers the District established that it had no notice of Houseman's alleged propensities and that the abuse by Houseman was not foreseeable. Plaintiff failed to rebut the District's showing with any evidence in admissible form, or to demonstrate that the District had actual or constructive notice of the threat posed by



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