



## CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

February 1, 2018

City Council President Linda Morad  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
City Hall  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Ethics Disclosure for Michael Watson, Principal, GNBRVT, to serve as  
Sheltered English Immersion Teacher for Southeastern Massachusetts  
Educational Collaborative

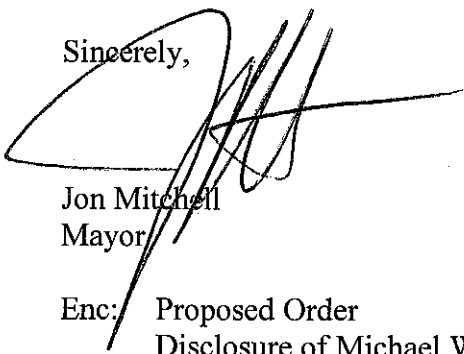
Dear Council President Morad and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your review and approval an ethics disclosure and supporting documentation of Michael Watson. Mr. Watson is principal at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and seeks to become a teacher in the Sheltered English Immersion program offered by the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC). The disclosure is required due to the city being a member of both GNBRVT and SMEC.

The City Solicitor has concluded that Mr. Watson's disclosure and the certification offered by SMEC have in all respects met the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 268A § 20 (b) and that you may vote by simple majority to accept and approve the disclosure.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,



Jon Mitchell  
Mayor

Enc: Proposed Order  
Disclosure of Michael Watson  
City Solicitor Memorandum  
Letter from SMEC



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January 26, 2018

Jonathan A. Mitchell, Mayor  
City of New Bedford  
133 William St.  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: Ethics Disclosure for Michael Watson, Principal, NBRVT, to serve as  
Sheltered English Immersion Teacher for Southeastern Massachusetts  
Educational Collaborative

Honorable Mayor Mitchell,

Our office has reviewed the City Council's referral of the Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) request to approve Michael Watson as a teacher in the Sheltered English Immersion program and the disclosure of this anticipated employment as required by Massachusetts General laws Ch. 268A § 20.

As described on the enclosed memorandum, Mr. Watson and SMEC have met the statutory disclosure requirements of Chapter 268A § 20, and the City Council may vote by simple majority to accept and approve Mr. Watson's disclosure.

Thanking you for your cooperation and assistance in this matter, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Mikaela McDermott  
City Solicitor

Enc: Michael Watson Disclosure Documents  
Memorandum re Watson Disclosure

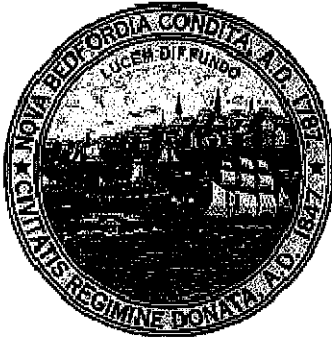


# CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

## CITY COUNCIL

February 8, 2018

***Ordered,*** that in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws C. 268A, Section 20(b), the disclosure of Michael Watson, Principal, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocation Technical High School, of his employment with Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative as a teacher in the Sheltered English Immersion Program hereby is accepted and approved.



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Solicitor Mikaela McDermott

FROM: Shannon Shreve, Associate Solicitor

SUBJECT: Ethics Disclosure for Michael Watson, Principal, NBRVT, to serve as Sheltered English Immersion Teacher for Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative

STATUS: For Presentation to City Council for Approval

DATE: 1-26-2018

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The Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative (SMEC) has selected Michael Watson, a principal at GNBRVT to teach a Sheltered English Immersion (SEI) class for SMEC. In order for him to teach the SEI class on behalf of SMEC, Mr. Watson must file an ethics disclosure required by M.G.L. Ch. 268A § 20(b) with the member municipalities of GNBRVT. The disclosure must be approved by the Board of Selectmen for Dartmouth and Fairhaven and the New Bedford City Council.

Mr. Watson, via his disclosure, and SMEC, through its Executive Director, Catherine S. Cooper, Esq., have confirmed that all elements required by section 20(b) have been met, specifically:

1. Mr. Watson is not employed by SMEC and is not responsible for any activities of SMEC;
2. The list of teachers qualified to teach SEI from which Mr. Watson was selected was compiled via competitive RFP process;
3. Mr. Watson will be teaching outside of his normal working hours;

4. Mr. Watson's teaching services are not part of his regular duties as principal;
5. Mr. Watson's teaching services are not required for more than 500 hours per calendar year;
6. SMEC has filed a written certification with the City Clerk that no employee of SMEC is available to teach the SEI class as part of their regular duties.

I have reviewed the disclosure and its supporting documentation. Mr. Watson and SMEC have complied with all elements of the disclosure required by M.G.L. c. 268A § 20. The disclosure may be approved by City Council if it so chooses.

Enclosures:

M.G.L. Ch. 268A §20(b) Executed Disclosure  
SMEC Certification/Transmittal letter 1-26-2018

SS/ss



# Southeastern Massachusetts Educational Collaborative

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January 26, 2018

RE: Michael Watson

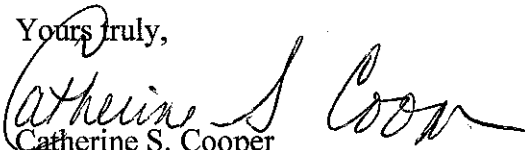
Dear Mr. Shreve:

Per our conversation this morning, I have enclosed a Ch. 268 §20(b) disclosure form highlighting the relationship between Mr. Watson, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School and SMEC.

I have also enclosed the list of instructors who have been qualified and approved by the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) to provide Sheltered English Endorsement (SEI) courses. As I mentioned to you when we spoke, SMEC has been qualified as a provider for SEI courses through an RFP process and we have been requested by the DESE to provide these courses for local educators. We must only hire instructors from this list of qualified instructors, we do not have anyone on staff at SMEC who is an approved instructor nor can we hire anyone from the general public who is not on the DESE approved list. Mr. Watson is the only approved instructor who both lives locally and is available to teach courses at our Dartmouth location at night and on weekends. Mr. Watson will not provide more than 500 hours of work to SMEC during this year.

If any additional information is needed, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 998-5599, ext. 137 or [ccooper@smecollaborative.org](mailto:ccooper@smecollaborative.org).

Yours truly,

  
Catherine S. Cooper  
Executive Director  
SMEC

Enc.

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for life*


<b>Name</b>	<b>Last training</b>	<b>Next Required Training</b>
Lisa Beaulieu	08/08/2016	SY19-20
Lisa Evans	01/24/2017	SY19-20
Lisa Hicks	08/18/2016	SY19-20
Lisa Palaia	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Lyn Bradley	08/11/2015	SY19-20
Lynne Leonard	08/11/2016	SY19-20
Margaret Arlauskas	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Margaret Harrington	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Maria Colon	08/09/2016	SY19-20
Maria Hegarty	01/24/2016	SY19-20
Marion DePierro	08/08/2016	SY19-20
Mark Garceau	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Martha Kohl	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Mary Bradshaw	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Mary Karamourtopoulos	01/27/2017	SY19-20
Michael Gary	01/27/2017	SY19-20
Michael Watson	08/08/2016	SY19-20
Mindy Paulo	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Moir Greenson	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Molly Kitka-Shveda	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Molly Ross	09/21/2015	SY18-19
Molly Shveda Kitka	08/11/2015	SY18-19
Monica Flores	09/20/2016	SY19-20
Mostafa Mouhieeddine	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Nancy Doucimo-Garcia	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Nancy Rodrigues	01/27/2017	SY19-20
Natalie Metzger	08/09/2016	SY19-20
Natasha Galinchina	08/09/2016	SY19-20
Norma Senior	08/11/2016	SY19-20
Olga Escalera	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Rachel Hofman	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Raquel Bauman	08/15/2016	SY19-20
Rashaun Martin	08/09/2016	SY19-20
Ray Keough	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Rebecca Hathaway	08/08/2016	SY19-20
Roberta Frederick	08/09/2016	SY19-20
Robyn Dowling-Grant	08/15/2016	SY19-20
Sandra Carreno	08/15/2016	SY19-20
Sandra Macknight	08/18/2016	SY19-20
Sara Hamerla	09/20/2016	SY19-20
Sara Smith	09/20/2016	SY19-20
Silvia Oliviera	09/12/2016	SY19-20
Stevany Matthews	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Steve Petitt	08/16/2016	SY19-20
Sunita Mehrotra	09/12/2016	SY19-20

**DISCLOSURE BY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE  
OF FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT  
AS REQUIRED BY G. L. c. 268A, § 20(b)**

	<b>MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE INFORMATION</b>
Name of municipal employee:	Michael Watson
Title/ Position	Principal, Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT)
<b>Fill in this box if it applies to you.</b>	If you are a municipal employee because a municipal agency has contracted with your company or organization, please provide the name and address of the company or organization.
Agency/ Department	Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School (GNBVT)
Agency Address	1121 Ashley Boulevard, New Bedford, MA 02745
Office phone:	508 998 3321
Office e-mail:	mwatson@gnbvt.edu
	Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Elected or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-elected
Starting date as a municipal employee.	09/2007
<b>BOX # 1</b>  <b>Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2.</b>  <b>Write an X beside your financial interest.</b>	<b>ELECTED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE</b> I am an elected municipal employee. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATEMENT #1:</b> I had one of the following financial interests in a contract made by a municipal agency before I was elected to my municipal employee position. I will continue to have this financial interest in a municipal contract. OR <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATEMENT #2:</b> I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency. <b>My financial interest in a municipal contract is:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I have a non-elected, compensated municipal employee position. <input type="checkbox"/> A municipal agency has a contract with me. <input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization. <input type="checkbox"/> I work for a company or organization that has a contract with a municipal agency, and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the city or town has contracted for my services in particular.
<b>BOX # 2</b>  <b>Select either STATEMENT #1 or STATEMENT #2.</b>	<b>NON-ELECTED, COMPENSATED MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE</b> I am a non-elected municipal employee. <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STATEMENT #1:</b> I had one of the following financial interests in a contract made by a municipal agency before I took a position as a non-elected municipal employee. I will continue to have this financial interest in a municipal contract.



<p><b>Write an X beside your financial interest.</b></p>	<p><b>My financial interest in a municipal contract is:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> A municipal agency has a contract with me, but not an employment contract.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization.</p> <p><b>-- OR --</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>STATEMENT # 2:</b> I will have a new financial interest in a contract made by a municipal agency.</p> <p><b>My financial interest in a municipal contract is:</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a non-elected, compensated municipal employee position.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A municipal agency has a contract with me.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I have a financial benefit or obligation because of a contract that a municipal agency has with another person or an entity, such as a company or organization.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I work for a company or organization that has a contract with a municipal agency, and I am a "key employee" because the contract identifies me by name or it is otherwise clear that the city or town has contracted for my services in particular.</p>
<p><b>FINANCIAL INTEREST IN A MUNICIPAL CONTRACT</b></p>	
<p>Name and address of municipal agency that made the contract</p>	<p>GNBVT is a member of the Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative (SMEC). I am a principal at GNBVT but SMEC seeks to hire me on a part-time, per course basis to provide Sheltered English Immersion Courses to local educators at night and on weekends.</p>
<p><b>Please put in an X to confirm these facts.</b></p>	<p><b>"My Municipal Agency"</b> is the municipal agency that I serve as a municipal employee.</p> <p>The <b>"contracting agency"</b> is the municipal agency that made the contract.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Municipal Agency is not the contracting agency.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> My Municipal Agency does not regulate the activities of the contracting agency.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In my work for my Municipal Agency, I do not participate in or have official responsibility for any of the activities of the contracting agency.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The contract was made after public notice or through competitive bidding.</p>
<p><b>FILL IN THIS BOX OR THE BOX BELOW</b></p>	<p><b>ANSWER THE QUESTION IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE CITY OR TOWN AND YOU.</b></p> <p>- Please explain what the contract is for.</p> <p>SMEC is a qualified provider of Sheltered English Immersion Courses and has been requested by the MA DESE to provide such courses to local educators. SMEC must hire an instructor off of the DESE approved instructor list. Michael Watson is a DESE approved instructor.</p>
<p><b>FILL IN THIS BOX OR THE BOX ABOVE</b></p>	<p><b>ANSWER THE QUESTIONS IN THIS BOX IF THE CONTRACT IS BETWEEN THE CITY OR TOWN AND ANOTHER PERSON OR ENTITY.</b></p> <p>- Please identify the person or entity that has the contract with the municipal agency.</p> <p>- What is your relationship to the person or entity?</p> <p>- What is the contract for?</p>

What is your financial interest in the municipal contract?	<p>- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it.</p> <p>SMEC will pay the instructor the fee that was set by DESE per course. \$5500 for the full teacher endorsement course and/or \$2,300 for the administrator endorsement course.</p>
Date when you acquired a financial interest	January 30, 2018
What is the financial interest of your immediate family?	<p>- Please explain the financial interest and include the dollar amount if you know it.</p> <p>N/A</p>
Date when your immediate family acquired a financial interest	N/A
Write an X to confirm each statement.	<p><b>FOR A CONTRACT FOR PERSONAL SERVICES –</b></p> <p><b>Answer the questions in this box ONLY if you will have a contract for personal services with a municipal agency (i.e., you will do work directly for the contracting agency).</b></p> <p>I will have a contract with a municipal agency to provide personal services.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The services will be provided outside my normal working hours as a municipal employee.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The services are not required as part of my regular duties as a municipal employee.</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> For these services, I will be compensated for not more than 500 hours during a calendar year.</p>
Employee signature:	
Date:	2/26/18

Attach additional pages if necessary.

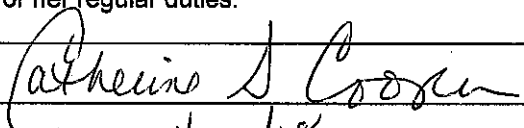
**NOT A PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT -- File disclosure with the city or town clerk.**

**SEE CERTIFICATION AND APPROVAL REQUIRED FOR PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS, BELOW.**

**FOR CONTRACTS FOR PERSONAL SERVICES ONLY:**

If you are disclosing a financial interest in a contract for personal services with a municipal agency, you must file the Certification below signed by the head of the contracting agency, and you must get approval of the exemption from the city council, board of aldermen, board of selectmen or town council.

**CERTIFICATION BY HEAD OF CONTRACTING AGENCY**

	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT HEAD OF CONTRACTING AGENCY</b>
Name:	Catherine S. Cooper
Title/ Position	Executive Director
Municipal Agency:	Southeastern MA Educational Collaborative
Agency Address:	25 Russells Mills Road Dartmouth, MA 02748
Office Phone:	508 998 5599 x 137
	<b>CERTIFICATION</b>
	I have received a disclosure under G.L. c. 268A, § 20(b) from a municipal employee who seeks to provide personal services to my municipal agency, identified above. I certify that no employee of my agency is available to perform the services described above as part of his or her regular duties.
Signature:	
Date:	1/26/18

**APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL, BOARD OF ALDERMEN,  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN OR TOWN COUNCIL**

	<b>INFORMATION ABOUT APPROVING BODY</b>
Name:	
Title/ Position	
Agency Address:	
Office Phone:	
	<b>APPROVAL</b>
	I have received a disclosure under G.L. c. 268A, § 20(b) from a municipal employee who seeks to provide personal services to a municipal agency, identified above. The exemption under § 20(b) is approved.
Signature:	On behalf of the Council or Board, I sign this approval.
Date:	

Attach additional pages if necessary.  
File disclosure, Certification and Approval with the city or town clerk.