

Dear Alumni/ae,

The safety and security of the Exeter family is of the utmost importance to me in my work as the Academy's Principal. Any breach of that trust, no matter when it has taken place, is a violation of the values for which this school stands and must be addressed. It is with that conviction in mind that I write you today.

I am including a link:

<http://www.friendscentral.org/podium/push/default.aspx?i=78864&s=88&snd=ec8bc49a-6f36-4733-a338-9a73ffd1efc5> to a letter from the Friends' Central School in Pennsylvania written by that school's current headmaster. It concerns Thomas Wood, now deceased, who served as head of that school from 1971 to 1987.

As you will see from Mr. Sellers' letter, school authorities at Friends Central School learned of allegations of inappropriate conduct by Dr. Wood. We received such a complaint this spring from an Exeter alum, and as part of our investigation alerted the two institutions where Dr. Wood worked following his brief time at Exeter, one of which was the Friends' Central School.

Thomas Wood spent the 1966 and 1967 academic years as an employee of PEA. Although we have not received other complaints regarding Dr. Wood, I want to alert you to these allegations. If you were or anyone you know has been affected by Dr. Wood's behavior, I would urge you to be in direct contact with me, either through email, [thassan@exeter.edu](mailto:thassan@exeter.edu) or phone, 603/777-3401.

I also want to refer you to a letter which I sent to members of the Exeter community in November 2011 in the wake of the early reports coming out of Penn State.

[http://www.exeter.edu/documents/Hassan\\_letter\\_11\\_22\\_11.pdf](http://www.exeter.edu/documents/Hassan_letter_11_22_11.pdf)

That letter and this communication should reinforce Exeter's strong stance on the matter of our moral obligation to protect our students from any form of harm, including sexual abuse or harassment. Both are intended to remind and reassure you that I want to be notified if you know of any previous misconduct by Dr. Wood or any other individual during your time at Exeter. This school's commitment to the protection of our students is unwavering. We take very seriously any concern raised by a past or a current student.

Tom Hassan