

February 15, 2021

Dear Academy community,

I am writing with distressing information about sexual misconduct at the Academy. I regret the secondary harm this may cause for some of our community members, but it is important to make you aware of this development.

Last week, we learned from law firm Holland & Knight that David Weber has admitted to hugging and kissing a student in the basement of a dormitory in the 1980s.

Mr. Weber was an instructor in English from 1970 until 2008, then served in part-time roles until 2017. In accordance with [Exeter's principles of disclosure](#) we are sharing this information with the community. Mr. Weber's emeritus status has been removed and he has been barred from the PEA campus and all Exeter events.

We are aware of no additional allegations of misconduct involving Mr. Weber. We continue to urge anyone with information about inappropriate sexual conduct connected to PEA to contact Christina Palmer, director of student well-being at [cdpalmer@exeter.edu](mailto:cdpalmer@exeter.edu) or the Exeter Police Department.

We sincerely apologize for the lasting harm caused by acts of sexual misconduct at PEA and we pledge our support to anyone harmed during their time here. We have extensive policies, procedures, and educational offerings in place to help prevent inappropriate sexual behavior, to recognize the signs of harassment or assault, and to take appropriate action if it occurs. Additional resources can be found on our [website](#).

Sincerely,

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