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To Mayor Hameda,

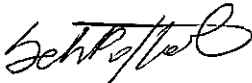
It has been almost 5 years since we, as AET's in Takatsuki, were suddenly excluded from attending graduations. There was no good reason to exclude our attendance, which broke a long standing tradition of participation by AET's. As you would be aware, Graduation is a serious affair that celebrates student's achievements and school life. Many students were initially excited that "their" AET would be in attendance, only to be disappointed by the exclusion, as were we as their teachers.

Nothing was ever demanded by AET's outside of the normal relations between employer and employee paid and enrolled in all necessary insurances, the freedom to live in a place of our choosing, and to work happily in Takatsuki. The refusal of Takatsuki to provide for such basic rights and then to exclude AET's from such an important milestone of their students' lives, raises the obvious question: "Why?"

I write today not to gloat about our legal victory, but to ask that you take this as an opportunity to learn. If no good reason existed for those actions, then why has so much time and energy been spent to defend such action?

Takatsuki City created all the conditions that lead to our victory in the courts, and has time and again been shown to have had no good argument or reason for doing so.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brett Schröffel". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with some loops and flourishes.

Brett Schröffel