

## Justin Beaton's Statement on the 2016 Case



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As a young man considering a potential career in the education field at the time, my intent was to make a difference and positively impact the lives of others. With already having experience and connections at the schools and various church and community ministries, I can most assuredly say that I was not exploring that career possibility for any other reason. Regarding the circumstances, it cannot be understated that moral propriety should have been upheld, and I take full responsibility for my part in that not happening.

Looking back many years later, it became clear that emotional trauma I experienced after a devastating breakup in a young, long-term high school relationship had affected me for years after. I surmise that, at the time, I was likely not emotionally prepared for heading into the situations at the high schools and what I would encounter, but hindsight is always 20/20. While still being young when subbing, I suspect that there was likely a subconscious factor at play of “redeeming” that past traumatic time. Subconscious, deep-rooted emotional damage and the lingering effects of a broken heart most likely influenced the circumstances.

To sum up, many years have passed, all have moved on, and I have nothing but kind thoughts and prayers for everyone and their families. I am unendingly thankful for my wife whom I love dearly, I am thankful for and love our families, and most of all, I am thankful that God loves us all, heals our broken hearts, is patient with us all, and desires to forgive us all if we repent from

sin and put our trust in the finished work of his Son on the Cross. He is the [only hope](#) that any of us have.

May the Lord bless you and keep you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Justin D. Beaton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "D".

Justin D. Beaton