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Dear Rabbonim,

You may have recently received in the mail a “teacher recruitment flyer” purportedly sent by Rabbi and Mrs. Eli Turen. We urgently wish to inform you that this was a complete forgery, sent by persons unknown with the explicit intent of embarrassing and discrediting both Rav Fuerst and the named schools.

To set the record straight on the facts –

- a) The named schools are completely separate entities and are in no way related.
- b) The address given on the forged flyer is not an official address of either of the named schools.
- c) Rabbi Turen’s involvement in the **Tzemach Tzedek School** is only that of an educational advisor. He is not one of the founders, nor is he even on the board of directors.
- d) Rav Fuerst has had no involvement in the establishment of either of these schools. His only involvement has been to answer a purely *halachic* question from some potential teachers, giving his opinion that it is absolutely permissible for them to teach for these schools.

We strongly decry this act of blatant disregard for both *halacha* and civil law. We further wish to apologize to Rav Fuerst on behalf of the Lubavitch community, and assure all that such acts are counter to the ways of Lubavitch, and certainly counter to the teachings of the Lubavitcher Rebbe. We trust that it is well understood that the Rebbe’s strong focus has always been one of pure *Ahavas Yisroel* and strict observance of *halacha*.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Eli Turen
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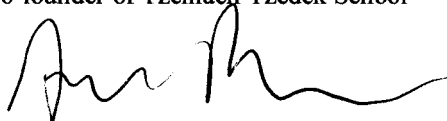
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