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Joan McDonald  
Commissioner  
New York State Department of Transportation  
50 Wolf Road  
Albany, New York 12232

RE: NYSIG 0485-007-2014

Dear Commissioner McDonald:

On March 11, 2014, my office received a complaint alleging that [REDACTED] submitted a false General Educational Development (GED) certification when he applied for employment with the Department of Transportation (DOT).

Our investigation found that [REDACTED] completed an application for employment at DOT on August 23, 2001. In the application and his accompanying resume, [REDACTED] indicated that he had graduated from Campbell Central High School in 1980. [REDACTED] signed the application, affirming that "all statements made by me on this form, including attached papers, are true and correct." DOT hired [REDACTED] on December 12, 2001 as a Highway Maintenance Worker 2, a position he still holds. It should be noted that DOT does not require a high school diploma for this position.

We determined that [REDACTED] did not graduate from Campbell Central High School (now Campbell-Savona Central High School), nor did he earn a GED certification. Contrary to the allegation, we found no evidence that [REDACTED] submitted a false GED certification to DOT. I recommend that DOT review these findings and take action as it deems appropriate.

Within 45 days, please advise me of the results of your review. If you require further information about our investigation, please contact Deputy Inspector General Audrey Maiello Cunningham at (518) 474-1010.

Sincerely,



Catherine Leahy Scott  
Inspector General