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A former Toledo Public Schools campus protection officer who carried on a relationship with a 13-year-old girl at Leverette Junior High was sentenced Wednesday to 12 years in prison.

Harry Weatherholt, 51, of 1010 Bowlus Ave., Lot 15, was sentenced in Lucas County Common Pleas Court on three counts of sexual battery.

In sentencing Weatherholt, Judge Ruth Ann Franks ignored a recommendation from the prosecutor s office for an eight-year prison sentence and instead ordered consecutive four-year terms on each of the convictions.

Weatherholt, who was an employee of the school district since 1981, showered the victim with gifts and talked with her on a cell phone that he bought her. The convictions stem from incidents between Sept. 1 and Nov. 8 when the student was in the eighth grade.

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