

Teacher Reportedly Fired for Opposition Activities Rehired After Media Storm

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Alexander Demakhin, who was awarded the “Teacher of the Year” prize personally by Vladimir Putin in 2012 **Kremlin Press Service**

An award-winning teacher from the Moscow region, who claimed he was fired last week for his political activities, has been reappointed, [Radio Svoboda](#) reported Thursday.

Alexander Demakhin, who was given the “Teacher of the Year” prize personally by Vladimir Putin in 2012, said earlier this week in a Facebook post that he was fired from his teaching job in the town of Sergiyev Posad after he began campaigning in municipal elections as a member of the liberal opposition Yabloko party.

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The outlet cited an anonymous source in the Moscow regional administration as saying Demakhin was given his job back after the incident received widespread media coverage.

“In the [Moscow] region, no one wants a scandal now,” the source reportedly said. “It was enough for those high up to learn about [the incident] for the local authorities to be ‘corrected.’”

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