



October 1, 2021

Dear Families:

Attached to this letter is a news release from the Anne Arundel County Police Department that provides information regarding a former teacher at our school who has been charged with having an inappropriate relationship with a former student at our school. The release conveys all of the case-specific information that can be shared at this time.

I want you to know that our school and our school system took swift and appropriate action when we become aware of this allegation in July 2021. The teacher was reassigned from her position at the school to a position in our school system in which she had no contact with students and has not been in our building or any school building since that time.

I realize that the allegations in the news release are shocking and very troubling. Teachers are placed in positions of trust with the most precious thing we have: our children. Allegations such as these breach that trust.

I encourage you to talk with your student about this incident in an open way. Help them to process their feelings and answer their questions as best you can. Additionally, please know that we have resources available to assist any student who has a need to talk about their feelings as they relate to this news. Should your student have that need, please have them ask to see a school counselor. If the need is more urgent, I encourage you to call the Anne Arundel County Crisis Warmline at 410-768-5522. That service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Finally, if you have any information that would be of interest to police, please call the number listed on the release.

Sincerely,

Patrick Gelinas
Principal

PG/bm



1 de octubre del 2021

Estimadas familias:

Adjunto a esta carta hay un comunicado de prensa del Departamento de Policía del Condado de Anne Arundel que proporciona información sobre una ex maestra en nuestra escuela que ha sido acusada de tener una relación inapropiada con un ex estudiante en nuestra escuela. El comunicado transmite toda la información específica del caso que se puede compartir en este momento.

Quiero que sepan que nuestra escuela y nuestro sistema escolar tomaron medidas rápidas y apropiadas cuando nos enteramos de esta acusación en julio de 2021. La maestra fue reasignada de su puesto en la escuela a un puesto en nuestro sistema escolar en el que no tenía contacto con los estudiantes y no ha estado en nuestro edificio ni en ningún edificio escolar desde entonces.

Me doy cuenta de que las acusaciones en el comunicado de prensa son impactantes y muy preocupantes. Los maestros se colocan en posiciones de confianza con lo más preciado que tenemos: nuestros hijos. Acusaciones como estas violan esa confianza.

Te animo a que hablen con sus hijos sobre este incidente de forma abierta. Ayúdalos a procesar sus sentimientos y responder a sus preguntas lo mejor que puedas. Además, tenga en cuenta que tenemos recursos disponibles para ayudar a cualquier estudiante que tenga la necesidad de hablar sobre sus sentimientos en relación con esta noticia. Si su estudiante tiene esa necesidad, por favor pídale que pida ver a un consejero escolar. Si la necesidad es más urgente, lo aliento a que llame a la línea cálida de crisis del condado de Anne Arundel al 410-768-5522. Ese servicio está disponible las 24 horas del día, los siete días de la semana.

Finalmente, si tiene alguna información que sea de interés para la policía, llame al número que figura en el comunicado.

Sinceramente,

Patrick Gelinas
Director

PG/bm



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Media Advisory

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After 4 p.m. and on weekends contact the on-call PIO at 410-222-8505

Criminal Investigation Division Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Squad

On July 6, 2021, the Anne Arundel County Police and the Department of Social Services were notified in reference to a possible sex offense involving a schoolteacher at Annapolis High School and a student. Notification was made to the Board of Education, and the teacher was banned from returning to Annapolis High School while the investigation occurred.

The victim, who is a 17-year-old-male and now resides out of state, was interviewed on July 29, 2021. During the interview, the victim disclosed inappropriate sexual contact with the suspect when he attended Annapolis High School.

The Anne Arundel County Police Department's Child and Vulnerable Adult Abuse Squad and members from the Department of Social Services coordinated additional interviews of the suspect and other potential witnesses.

Upon the conclusion of this investigation, detectives obtained an arrest warrant charging Jennifer Arnold, the suspect, with the sex abuse of a minor, 3rd-degree sex offense, and 4th-degree sex offense involving a person in the position of authority. On 10/01/2021, the suspect was taken into custody without incident.

As this is still an active and ongoing investigation, the Anne Arundel County Police Department urges anyone with information on this or other incidents involving Jennifer

Arnold to contact 410-222-4733. One can also remain anonymous by calling the Anne Arundel County Tip Line 410-222-4700 or Metro Crime Stoppers.

At this time, it is not believed any of the sexual encounters occurred at the school.

Arrested:

Jennifer Arnold
41- year-old
Arnold, Maryland

If you have information about any criminal activity or threat to public safety, please call the Anne Arundel County Police TipLine at 410-222-4700. If it is a time sensitive issue call 410-222-8610. Report suspicious activity online using this form.



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