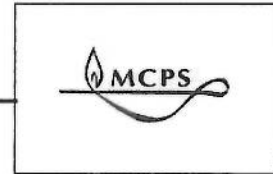


Ashburton Elementary School

6314 Lone Oak Drive, Bethesda, MD 20817 * 240-740-1300



Office of the Principal

March 5, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you of the arrest of Mr. Daemon Dartouzos, a physical education teacher formerly assigned to Ashburton Elementary School. Mr. Dartouzos is charged with multiple counts of possession of child pornography. Law enforcement has shared that these charges are unrelated to Montgomery County Public Schools students and unrelated to his role as an MCPS employee.

Mr. Dartouzos was placed on administrative leave in January 2018 when law enforcement executed a search warrant on his home to search for evidence of his involvement with online child pornography. He has been employed with MCPS since 1991.

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been fully cooperating with the Montgomery County Police Department, the FBI and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office on this matter. Pursuant to our memorandum of understanding with these agencies and MCPS policies and regulations, law enforcement requested us not to share any details broadly with the community until now to avoid prejudicing the ongoing investigation.

The alleged behavior by Mr. Dartouzos is extremely concerning. These charges represent a violation of our school's core values and the values of our Montgomery County community.

We are committed to the well-being of all our students. A support team of school psychologists, counselors and pupil personnel workers from MCPS will join with our staff tomorrow, March 6, 2018, to provide counseling and support to students upon request.

Ensuring a safe learning environment for our students is our top priority. If you or your child have any information that may be helpful to the investigation, I ask that you call the Montgomery County Child Exploitation Unit at 240-773-5400.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 240 740 1300 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Mullenholz", is written over a printed name.

Gregory Mullenholz

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