



Information regarding former teacher

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Byron Nelson High School families,

We hold our teachers and support staff to a high standard of always acting in the best interests of our students, and unfortunately, I must write to inform you of claims that a former teacher fell short of these core principles.

In December 2022, we received a student report that a former Byron Nelson teacher, who was employed earlier this school year, had inappropriate communication with one of our students. When school staff became aware of this allegation, we immediately began an investigation, placed the teacher on leave, and contacted the appropriate authorities. The teacher resigned promptly after being questioned about the allegations and has not returned to or been allowed on our campus since. We continue to cooperate with law enforcement and state agencies in their investigations, and we appreciate their work in this matter. We have also made a report to the Texas Education Agency, as required by law.

I am sharing this information with you because today we were informed that the Trophy Club Police Department charged this former employee. Please know we cannot disclose specific details because of the ongoing nature of the investigation and in an effort to protect student privacy. All students with relevant information have already been contacted during our investigation, and their parents have been notified. No other students are believed to have knowledge of the situation.

Please be assured that Northwest ISD takes these allegations very seriously. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our first and most important priority. Those who are entrusted with the care of students have an obligation to always act appropriately and in the best interests of children. The alleged conduct of this individual is not a reflection of our school, and we will continue to cooperate with law enforcement and work diligently to protect our students.

Sincerely,
Kara Lea Deardorff
Principal, Byron Nelson High School