

DISTRICT NEWS RELEASE

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Statement Regarding Hays HS Employee Arrest

Note: This is a companion statement to that issued by the Kyle Police Department regarding the criminal investigation and case related to this matter.

On Sunday, January 21, 2024, Hays CISD received an allegation that a paraprofessional Hays High School clerk may have been involved in an improper relationship with a 17-year-old student. The district immediately reported the information to law enforcement for a criminal investigation and to Child Protective Services. Additionally, the district administratively reviewed the provided information and evidence, in consult with law enforcement, and fired 32-year-old Danielle Dunn on Monday before she could return to work.

Dunn had been employed with Hays CISD since the start of this school year on August 22, 2023. At that time, she, like all Hays CISD employees, underwent an extensive fingerprint and active-monitoring background check and was cleared for employment.

School district employees are placed in positions of tremendous trust and responsibility. Violating this trust is abhorrent and intolerable. Hays CISD maintains the highest possible screening and hiring safeguards, urgency in response to serious allegations, and the strongest partnerships with law enforcement to protect students. The district appreciates the Kyle Police Department for its unfailing and continual commitment to prioritizing the safety of Hays CISD students.

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