



March 4, 2020

Dear CHS9 Family,

We have received notification that one of our teachers, Steven Hart, was arrested for alleged online solicitation of a minor by the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office. According to the Tarrant County Sheriff's Office, this alleged incident does **not** involve a Coppel ISD student.

Allegations and charges of this nature are alarming. The district takes these matters very seriously and is committed to student safety as its top priority. This teacher has resigned from CISD and is no longer allowed at CHS9 or any Coppel ISD campus or facility. Coppel ISD also has reported this incident involving its former employee to the State Board of Educator Certification, as required by law and District Policy.

Federal privacy laws prohibit us from releasing additional details about this situation. However, I feel it is important to make you aware of what happened. I also want to share that all CISD employees must complete a background check before hiring and undergo a background check annually. The district also receives notices if any employee is arrested.

My team and I join you in being deeply outraged, disturbed and extremely disappointed about these allegations, as we take very seriously any alleged violation of the professional and ethical conduct we expect of our teachers.

If you have any questions or additional information to share, please feel free to contact me or one of our assistant principals. Our counselors also are available for our students to address their concerns or if they need additional support.

I also remind you that CISD has an anonymous tip line available online at www.coppellisd.com/tipline or by calling 972-436-TIPS (8477).

Providing the safest possible learning environment for our students is our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Cody Koontz

CHS9 Principal