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Liberty Elementary School District Families,

Administration was made aware of allegations regarding a contracted photographer for school pictures. That photographer was on the campus of Freedom Elementary School last month, and as Buckeye Police have indicated, is accused of sexual offenses against minors.

The Buckeye Police Department was contacted directly by an individual regarding these allegations, at which point police informed the District. Buckeye Police are currently investigating and any updates regarding this matter will be provided by them.

As for the contracted photographer, the District canceled a scheduled 'retake day' of school pictures involving this individual. Furthermore, the District is putting on hold indefinitely any potential photography contracts with this company.

One of the most difficult things about these situations is that information is very limited. There is nothing more that can be shared at this time. However, if you or your student has information regarding this investigation, we encourage you to call the Buckeye Police Department tip line at 623-349-6411.

We are committed to the safety of our students and expect all contractors to adhere to the highest ethical practices and conduct. We will not tolerate behaviors that compromise the safety of our children.

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