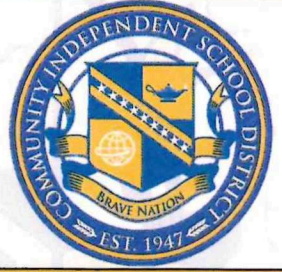


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DR. TONYA KNOWLTON

Community ISD parents and guardians,

I am devastated to bring news of this type to you, but in the interest of transparency, I want to bring to your attention an accusation that was made against a Community ISD employee. An investigation began Monday, November 18, and the employee was placed on leave following an interview with a Child Protective Services (CPS) investigator. That employee was then terminated on Thursday, November 21.

On Monday, November 18, 2024, the Community ISD Police Department received an allegation of inappropriate sexual contact by a CISD staff member against a current CISD student. The CISD Police Department immediately launched a full investigation in partnership with CPS, which is still ongoing. In the best interest of the District, the employee - an In-School Suspension (ISS) Aide at Roderick Elementary - was terminated on November 21.

This person was also employed by AlphaBest, the afterschool program that works in Community ISD. AlphaBest has been informed of the allegations, and this person will not be allowed on Community ISD campuses and facilities.

As the District wants to protect the identity and privacy of the alleged victim, and the integrity of an ongoing investigation, we cannot share any more information at this time, or answer any questions beyond what is provided in this letter.

On a personal note, while these are only alleged actions, I find it reprehensible and heartbreaking that anyone could allegedly treat a child this way. The acts this person is accused of, do not in any way align with the character of Community ISD, nor the values we hold dear. Our first priority is and always has been the safety and security of the children entrusted to our care, and any reports of this nature are treated with the highest level of urgency.

If you or your child has any relevant information you would like to report, please contact the Community ISD Police Department at 972-843-6060 or 972-843-6061 for Spanish speakers. If you would prefer to submit a written report or an anonymous tip, you can do so by going to www.communityisd.org/tip. Counselors are available to meet with students to discuss any concerns that they may have.

Dr. Tonya Knowlton

Superintendent, Community ISD