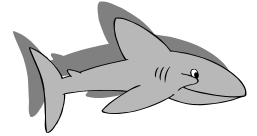


# Shoultes Elementary School



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“A commitment to students becoming life-long learners and positive contributors to their community”

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Dear Shoultes Parents and Guardians,

I am sharing a statement prepared by the Marysville School District concerning an employee. This employee previously worked at our school campus. Please read the following statement carefully. You may likely hear or have already heard about this through other means (social media, news). We are shocked and saddened to learn of these allegations, as the care and well-being of all children and youth in and out of our schools and the school district are of utmost concern. Please know we, as a school or the Marysville School District, are not at liberty to share any additional information at this time.

*Marysville School District recently learned the Arlington Police Department arrested a school district employee following an investigation for a possible inappropriate relationship with a minor. The allegations that surfaced are from this person's past and do not involve Marysville School District students.*

*This employee did not work for the Marysville School District at the time of the alleged incident.*

*The District followed all appropriate procedures when hiring the individual the Arlington Police Department recently investigated, including fingerprint and background checks. The background checks did not discover anything concerning.*

*When the District received a report in late August 2022 from the Arlington Police Department that one of our employees was under investigation, the employee was immediately placed on administrative leave. They have remained on leave with no contact allowed with children in our schools since that time. The District had no information about the allegations the police were investigating until the recent report and was not at liberty to share information until the investigation concluded.*

*The District takes all students' health, safety, and welfare very seriously. While the matter is not directly related to the Marysville School District, the District's highest priority is to continue providing students with a safe and supportive learning environment.*

*Since this person was not employed by the Marysville School District during the time of the reported incident and out of respect for the victim, the District cannot specifically comment further at this time.*

As previously stated, we are not at liberty to share additional information at this time; however, if you have concerns, please contact the District's Communications Director at (360) 965-0005 or email [jodi\\_runyon@msd25.org](mailto:jodi_runyon@msd25.org).

Sincerely,

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