

June 8, 2016

I am writing to inform you that Todd Scriber, a former teacher at Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School (B-CC), has been arrested on three counts of sexual abuse of a minor. According to the Montgomery County Police Department, the charges stem from Mr. Scriber's use of his cell phone to take photographs of female B-CC students, without their permission or knowledge, in his classroom during class time.

"Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has fully cooperated with the Montgomery County Police Department and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office on this matter. Pursuant to our memorandum of understanding with these agencies and MCPS policies and regulations, the Special Victims Investigations Division of the Montgomery County Police Department restricted us from sharing any details broadly with the community to avoid prejudicing the ongoing investigation.

"We immediately placed Mr. Scriber on leave after being made aware of the allegations in October 2015, and he is no longer employed with MCPS.

"I know that our community finds the allegations in the charging document as disturbing as I do. The charges represent a serious breach of trust, responsibility, integrity and the law. We expect and require our employees to be held to a high standard of character, and these allegations certainly violate that. Please know that we take the safety and security of our students seriously, and we work every day to ensure that we maintain a safe learning environment for our students. If you have additional questions, please contact me at 240-740-0407. Also, if you or your child has any information that may be helpful to the investigation, I ask that you call the Special Victims Investigations Division of the Montgomery County Police Department at 240-773-5400.

Sincerely,

Donna Redmond Jones, Ph.D. Principal