

## North Bethesda Middle School

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*Office of the Principal*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about the arrest of Mr. Christopher Escobar, a former Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) paraeducator and lunch hour aide, who also worked for BAR-T. BAR-T is a private provider of before and after school programs for children in Montgomery County, some of which are hosted at various MCPS schools. Mr. Escobar has been charged with two counts of sexual abuse of a minor, stemming from inappropriate contact with two MCPS students who attended the BAR-T before- and after-school care program at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School.

MCPS is fully cooperating with the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office on this matter. The alleged behavior described in the charging documents is upsetting and unacceptable. We expect and require all who work with MCPS students to be held to a high standard of character, and these allegations certainly violate that.

Mr. Escobar was hired by MCPS in August 2013 and last worked for MCPS in June 2017. During his time with the school district, he was employed as a temporary part-time lunch hour aide at Kensington Parkwood Elementary School and North Bethesda Middle School, and also worked as a temporary part time special education paraeducator at North Bethesda. Mr. Escobar stopped working for BAR-T in January 2018.

School counselors and support staff will be available at Kensington Parkwood and North Bethesda to provide counseling and support to students as needed.

If you and your child have 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. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep our children safe.

Sincerely,



Dr. Alton E. Sumner  
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