



Gaithersburg High School

Office of the Principal

May 9, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you of the arrest of Mr. Ancelmo Diaz, a building services worker at Gaithersburg High School. Mr. Diaz has been charged with assault, multiple counts of sexual abuse of a minor and 4th degree sexual contact stemming from allegations of inappropriate contact with family members at his home. The charges are not related to his role as a Montgomery County Public Schools' employee and the alleged abuse did not occur on school property. Nonetheless, the alleged behavior described in these charges is upsetting and unacceptable. This type of behavior does not reflect the values of our school community and will not be tolerated.

MCPS has just been made aware of these charges and Mr. Diaz has now been placed on administrative leave. We are fully cooperating with law enforcement on this matter.

Mr. Diaz began his employment with MCPS in 1995 and has worked exclusively at Gaithersburg High School.

Counselors and support professionals are available at our school for students and staff.

Ensuring a safe learning environment for our students is our top priority. If you or 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.

Sincerely,

Christine Handy, Ed.D.
Principal