

Update on the Investigation into Conduct of Former MCPS Substitute

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) is continuing to look into the employment record of Mr. Jose Pineda, a former substitute teacher who was recently arrested and charged with having inappropriate contact with a student at Roberto Clemente Middle School.

Since the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year, Mr. Pineda has worked at 20 schools in MCPS. The principals at these schools have been directed to send a letter home to make parents aware that Mr. Pineda worked in the school and ask them to report any information about inappropriate conduct to the police and school administration as soon as possible. A version of that letter is below.

Over the past two days, some students at Ridgeview Middle School have come forward and indicated they had interactions with Mr. Pineda that were inappropriate or made them feel uncomfortable. The parents of these students have been consulted and the police are investigating these allegations. Mr. Pineda had worked at Ridgeview Middle School for 29 days since the beginning of last school year. It does not appear that these incidents were reported when they occurred.

If there are any other reports of inappropriate conduct involving Mr. Pineda, we will work with the police to ensure the matter is investigated in a timely and thorough manner.

LETTER TO PARENTS AT SCHOOLS WHERE JOSE PINEDA WORKED

Dear Parent:

We are committed to maintaining a safe, secure learning environment for our students and staff. It is for that reason that I am writing to inform you that Mr. Jose H. Pineda, a substitute teacher who worked at our school, was recently arrested and charged with having inappropriate contact with a student at another Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) school earlier this school year.

These allegations are disturbing and understandably upsetting. We want you to be aware that Mr. Pineda was in our building, and that if you are aware of any situation in which he had inappropriate contact with a student, please notify the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) or the school administration immediately. MCPD Family Crimes Division can be reached at 240-773-5400.

Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep our school and your children safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Work History of Mr. Jose Pineda, substitute teacher, since the beginning of the 2013-2014 school year.

School	Number of Days Worked
Ridgeview MS	29
Forest Oak MS	14
Roberto Clemente MS	9
Julius West MS	9
Watkins Mill HS	8
Parkland Magnet MS	7
Gaithersburg MS	6
Maryvale ES	5
Clopper Mill ES	4
Goshen ES	4
Earle B. Wood MS	3
Lakelands Park MS	3
Gaithersburg ES	3
Gaithersburg HS	2
Rosa Parks MS	2
Rockville HS	1
Montgomery Blair HS	1
Seneca Valley HS	1
Twinbrook ES	1
Longview	1
Total Days Worked	113