

Northwood High School

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Office of the Principal

October 6, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to inform you about the arrest of Mr. Cory Boatman, a long-term substitute teacher and assistant football coach at Montgomery Blair High School, on charges of one count of sexual abuse of a minor. The charges stem from an alleged inappropriate relationship between Mr. Boatman and a 16-year-old Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) student.

MCPS has been fully cooperating with Child Protective Services, the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD), 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, MCPS has not shared any details broadly with the community until now to avoid prejudicing the ongoing investigation.

Mr. Boatman was immediately placed on administrative leave after the allegations of his actions were made to the school.

Mr. Boatman has been employed with MCPS since 2014. He served as a substitute teacher at Northwood High School on September 22, 2017.

These charges are deeply concerning and unacceptable. This type of behavior does not reflect the principles of MCPS or our community, and it will not be tolerated.

As always, the safety and security of our students is our top priority. A support team of school psychologists, counselors, and pupil personnel workers from MCPS will join with our staff on October 9, 2017 and will be available to provide counseling and support to students, as needed.

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.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at Mildred_L_Charley-Greene@mcpsmd.org and/or 301-649-8088 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Mildred L. Charley-Greene

Principal

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