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Dear MCPS Parents and Guardians:

Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) has been informed by the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) that Mr. Hector Lagos Toro, a former MCPS paraeducator and lunch hour aide, has been arrested and charged with sex abuse of a minor and third degree sexual offense. According to police, the charges stem from an incident that occurred in the 2010 - 2011 school year and involved Mr. Toro, in his role as a paraeducator at Stedwick Elementary School, allowing a 7-year-old female elementary school student to reach into his pants pocket to look for candy.

MCPS has just learned of this investigation and is fully cooperating with the Montgomery County Police Department (MCPD) and the Montgomery County State's Attorney's Office on this matter.

Mr. Toro was hired in October 2001 and worked at Stedwick Elementary from 2008 – 2012. He also worked at a South Lake Elementary School summer school program from 2001–2006. We have also determined that Mr. Toro currently works for a non-MCPS extracurricular, after-school language program contracted through parent teacher associations. In this role he has worked with children at Wilson Wims Elementary School. We are working with the program to determine if Mr. Toro served in this role at other schools. MCPD has informed us that the charges against Mr. Toro only pertain to his time at Stedwick Elementary School.

I know that our community finds the allegations as disturbing and upsetting as I do. We expect and require all who work for MCPS to be held to a high standard of character, and these allegations certainly violate that.

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School counselors and support staff are always 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. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to keep our schools and your children safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. LaVerne Kimball  
Associate Superintendent of Elementary Schools  
Montgomery County Public Schools

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