

Wednesday, December 11, 2019

To MVHS Parents/Guardians:

Because we value the importance of communicating with our parents, I am writing you to share that school administration immediately contacted the Pima County Sheriff's Department on Monday, when students reported an allegation that an 18-year-old student was engaged in an inappropriate relationship with a teacher.

Separate from the Sheriff's Department investigation, the Marana school district took immediate personnel action, aligned with policy, and the teacher is no longer employed with the school district and will not be returning to Mountain View.

We recognize that you may have questions and may also feel a range of emotions surrounding this. However, due to confidentiality and personnel laws, we are extremely limited in the information that can be publicly disclosed. I can tell you that this student was not a student in the teacher's class and the criminal investigation did not result in an arrest.

I want to take this opportunity to commend the student who brought this information to our attention so that school administration could respond immediately. Mountain View and the District take allegations very serious and we are proud of our students and their response to see *something, hear something, say something*. Please continue to assist us by reminding your student(s) to bring concerns they may have to the attention of an adult. In addition, our SpeakUp Safety Tip Line is an additional resource to report concerns by calling or texting (520) 518-4181 or emailing <u>speakup@stu.maranausd.org</u>.

The staff at Mountain View High School is committed to providing the best educational experience for our students. We appreciate your support, sensitivity, and understanding during this time.

Sincerely,

Todd Garelick Principal