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Families,

This morning, law enforcement notified us that current teacher, Erik Ekstrom, had been arrested on two counts of encouraging child sexual abuse related to the possession of explicit images of children. These images are not believed to be of children in the local area. You can read the [Bend Police Department's full media release](#) for more information.

We take threats to the safety and well-being of our community very seriously and are working collaboratively with law enforcement as they continue this investigation. While there is no current indication that Ekstrom's crimes have a nexus to our students, staff, or schools, we are encouraging anyone with information to contact Detective Ian Macdonell at the non-emergency dispatch line, 541-693-6911.

We anticipate that students may hear about this arrest through friends or local media and want to be sure that you are also aware of the situation. Some students may have questions or may want to process their thoughts with you about this at home. A good way for students to express their feelings may be through an expressive project such as writing, art, music or other creative endeavor, and just processing their feelings with those they love.

Our counselors are available and ready to support students, should they want to connect at school. Additionally, we will have members from the Tri-County Response Team on call at school to provide support to affected students and staff.

If at any time you believe you or someone you know is a danger to themselves or others, please report what you know to law enforcement at either 9-1-1 or via their non-emergency line at 541-693-6911. Students can also report concerning behavior via [SafeOregon](#) and can contact <https://oregonyouthline.org/YouthLine>, a free teen-to-teen crisis support and help line. Both of these resources are easily accessible via direct links on student iPads.

If you or a family member are looking for help finding community mental health resources, we encourage you to call our partners at Care Solace at 888-515-0595 or visit them on the web at caresolace.com/bls to be connected to community providers matched to your needs.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

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