



January 15, 2010

Dear Del Valle ISD Community,

I am very sad to tell you that a warrant for the arrest of a former teacher, Mr. Karl Van'tVlie, has been issued by the Austin ISD Police Department. The warrant charges Mr. Van'tVlie with indecency with a child by contact. Investigators say the misconduct took place while he was a teacher at Hillcrest Elementary. Mr. Van'tVlie resigned from Del Valle ISD in May of 2007.

This is a very serious charge, and investigators are continuing to work on this case. Anyone with information about Mr. Van'tVlie are asked to call Detective Torres with APD at 974-6218.

This situation is upsetting to us all. Let me assure you that the safety and well-being of our students is always our first priority. School counselors are available and can advise you on how to discuss this situation with your child, should you feel such action is appropriate.

Due to laws protecting privacy rights, and to preserve the integrity of the investigation, I am limited on the information I can disclose at this time. However, I want to reassure the entire Del Valle ISD community that we are committed to maintaining a school environment that is safe and conducive to teaching and learning.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Bernard Blanchard,  
Superintendent of Schools