



NOTICE OF RELEASE OF RECORDS BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 4, 2017

On July 27, 2017, the Board of Education of District 35 issued a statement and related website posting in which the Board explained that on July 17, 2017, District 35 was contacted by an adult, former student of Glencoe Schools in regard to allegations the student has made toward a teacher who retired from the Glencoe Schools in 1996. The allegations are of a sexual nature. The Board invited anyone with information about these allegations to please contact Glencoe Public Safety or District 35. Since that invitation, the District has received two anonymous calls with related allegations. The District has also received several emails with additional information. So far, the allegations indicate that the incidents did not occur on District 35 school grounds and did not occur during District 35 sanctioned activities, and the teacher who is the subject of these allegations no longer resides in Illinois. Nonetheless, the allegations continue to be of serious concern to the District.

The Glencoe Schools were previously made aware of these allegations which resulted in a 2012 investigation by Glencoe Public Safety. The Glencoe Schools cooperated with all requests from Glencoe Public Safety and the case was closed without further action. The same allegations were reported to Glencoe Public Safety in 2014; also resulting in no further action.

With the latest allegations, District 35 again contacted Glencoe Public Safety. Because the District was advised that there is currently no on-going criminal investigation, the District decided it was appropriate to review its records for any evidence regarding these allegations without fear of interfering with Glencoe Public Safety. However, as of August 4, 2017, we have found no evidence in the old school records with regard to the allegations.

Nevertheless, we continue to take this issue very seriously and our sympathies go out to the former students who have come forward. And, of course, we stand ready to work with Glencoe Public Safety should they determine further investigation is warranted.

In the meantime, the Board of Education has decided to release the personnel file and related documents of the involved teacher with the hope that such documents might be helpful to anyone with an interest in this matter. For those individuals interested in copies of such documents, please use the form provided by the District to request these materials (<http://tinyurl.com/35records>). The District will fulfill your request, via mail, within 5 business days of your request. Please note however that because of the long career of the teacher involved, there is quite a volume of material. Also, as required by law, the District's attorneys have redacted certain personal identifying information, such as student names, where required by law.