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## **DISTRICT STATEMENT REGARDING TEACHER CHARGES**

May 3, 2010

The School District has been informed by the police that criminal charges have been brought against a teacher, Aleksandr (Alex) Plehanov, involving allegations of sexual misconduct towards students.

Mr. Plehanov is not currently teaching in our schools. Our first priority is, and always will be, the safety and well-being of our students and ensuring a safe learning environment for them. The District takes its role of protecting student welfare very seriously and will act quickly on any information that comes to its attention.

Due to Protection of Privacy legislation, the District is not at liberty to speak about matters relating to personnel, or matters that are before the courts. However, the District has no information to suggest that any students are currently at risk.

The District wishes to reiterate that if anyone has any information about sexual misconduct by adults against young people, they need to ensure they report that matter to the appropriate authorities so that it can be investigated and dealt with properly.



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