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Scottsdale Unified School District wants to make our community aware that a substitute teacher at Saguaro High School was placed on administrative leave this morning.

The Scottsdale Police Department (SPD) is currently conducting an investigation involving alleged improper conduct that occurred off-campus between this substitute teacher and a student.

According to the Scottsdale Police Department, the substitute teacher, Tom Porrás, has been arrested for public sexual indecency. Because this is an ongoing investigation, we do not have any additional information at this time.

Scottsdale Unified School District is working closely with the Scottsdale Police Department to communicate with our parents, including a letter home to Saguaro parents this afternoon.

If the student's allegations are true, Mr. Porrás' behavior is appalling. Such behavior is contrary to the District's moral and ethical code, and violates numerous District policies.

Please be assured that student safety is our number one priority. Again, we want to emphasize that Mr. Porrás has been placed on leave; he is prohibited from attending and performing any and all school events and duties.

The District does not have any information at this time to suggest that there is any risk to students' safety. We will continue to work closely with the Scottsdale Police Department to ensure our students are safe and that our parents are informed.

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