



Mayfield City Schools

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

June 8, 2021

Dear Mayfield teachers, staff, parents and community,

On Tuesday, June 8th, former Mayfield Middle School Teacher and High School Girls Track Coach Daniel Carlson was arrested and charged with ORC 2907.322A1F2 Pandering Sexually Oriented Matter Involving a Minor by the Highland Heights Police.

The case has been turned over to the Cuyahoga County Prosecutor's Office. The specific details of this case are in the hands of the investigative officers, at this time.

On Saturday, May 29th, a female student reported that Mr. Carlson allegedly was contacting female high school students and soliciting inappropriate messages and images via social media. Mayfield administration notified the police immediately. Highland Heights Police began conducting an investigation. Based on the information I have received, this incident will likely involve multiple, female Mayfield students, has occurred over several months and was limited to internet activity.

On June 2nd, Mr. Carlson submitted his resignation, effective June 2 while the investigation was ongoing.

On June 8th, the Mayfield Board of Education will accept Mr. Carlson's resignation.

According to police officials Mr. Carlson is not believed to be a risk to the community or students, at this time.

I have received questions regarding my reason for not placing Mr. Carlson on administrative leave, as well as the reasoning for his resignation.

Since the school year ended on Friday, May 28th, placing Mr. Carlson on administrative leave was not necessary as school was no longer in session.

All employees have the right to resign regardless of the situation. If Mr. Carlson had not resigned, I would have recommended termination.

Resignation does not preclude securing employment in another school district. District officials will file an Educator Misconduct Reporting form against Mr. Carlson with the Ohio Department of Education as a result of the charges. The Ohio Department of Education will then investigate and determine whether to terminate his teaching license.

We will have counselors available at the middle school from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on June 9, 10 and 11th for any staff or students needing assistance.

My communications regarding this matter are in cooperation with the Highland Heights Police Department and school district legal counsel.

School officials continue to reinforce that all threats by students, staff and community are taken seriously and are thoroughly and immediately investigated by police and school administration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Kelly". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned to the left of the typed name.

Keith Kelly
Superintendent