



February 4, 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to make you aware of troubling information about an individual recently employed in the Outdoor School program. As you may know, Outdoor School is a very popular program that provides outdoor educational experiences for many students throughout the Portland metro area and is staffed and operated by Multnomah Education Service District (MESD).

On October 22, 2015, law enforcement informed MESD that Jared White, an employee working with the Outdoor School program, was being investigated for suspected child sexual abuse. Mr. White was employed by MESD from March 2014 through October 22, 2015. Mr. White was also a volunteer at the Namanu, Sandy River and Arrah Wanna Outdoor School sites between September 2011 and April 2013. In addition, he was a student leader at the Adams Outdoor School site between September 2008 and May 2011.

As we do with all individuals working with students, MESD performed a full background and fingerprint check on Mr. White before he began working in this program. Those background checks revealed no history or indication of abuse or criminal activity. During his time in the program, MESD did not receive any complaints or concern of any kind about Mr. White. When MESD learned of the law enforcement investigation, we immediately placed Mr. White on administrative leave, and he has not been back to work since.

Today law enforcement announced that Mr. White was indicted on multiple counts of child sexual abuse. The victims of Mr. White's actions were acquaintances and not students that attended Outdoor School. Law enforcement believes, however, that there may be more victims.

We are notifying parents of students who attended outdoor school at the Sandy River, Namanu, Arrah Wanna and Adams sites. Our records show that your student attended Outdoor School at one of these sites during the time that Mr. White was a student leader, a volunteer, or an employee.

At MESD, the safety of students is our first priority and we work continually to do all we can to ensure that they have a safe, productive learning experience. In this case, we took every precaution and still had someone working in our program who should not have been working with children. As a father of four boys myself, I am troubled, frustrated and saddened by this, and am very hopeful that this individual did not in any way harm children participating in our Outdoor School program.

**Interim Superintendent** *Scott Perry*

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Again, we are fully cooperating with law enforcement in this situation, and I encourage you and anyone with information about Mr. White or additional victims to contact Detective Nathan Tobey at 503.823.0276 or email at [Nathan.tobey@portlandoregon.gov](mailto:Nathan.tobey@portlandoregon.gov)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scott Perry", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Perry, Interim Superintendent  
Multnomah ESD