



PALO ALTO SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Kimberly Diorio
Principal

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Dear Palo Alto High School Parents and Students,

I'm writing to inform you that we were notified by the Sunnyvale police department that a Sunnyvale music teacher, was placed in custody for allegations of inappropriate touching of a minor attending school in Sunnyvale.

The respondent, Henry Reed, was hired part-time this school year by PAUSD to assist Palo Alto High School with the concert and symphonic bands percussions section. Prior to hiring Mr. Reed, he was fingerprinted by the District and received clearance before working with students, as is our policy.

We have no additional information to provide to you about the case as it is still under investigation. However, we want to assure you that safety is always our top priority and the school district immediately placed Mr. Reed on leave upon hearing of this arrest.

Some students may have information to share or experience discomfort or concerns regarding this news. Therefore, our guidance counselors and wellness staff are available to support any students who wish to seek out their services. Palo Alto High School staff will be conducting our own investigation about Mr. Reed's time on our campus and will speak directly with the percussion students with whom he may have interacted. If any student or parent has pertinent information regarding this situation or their interactions with Mr. Reed, please contact me directly at kdiorio@pausd.org. The safety of our students will always remain our number one priority, and we continue to strive to provide the safest environment possible for our students.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and most of all, thank you for your continued partnership and support of our school. We love our Vikings, and regret the need to provide you with this news.

Sincerely,

Kim Diorio

