

Dear Longleaf Middle Employees and Parents,

Good afternoon. In the interest of keeping our school family informed, I want to alert you about the arrest of an employee from our school.

On Thursday, July 8, 2021, district administrators learned of the arrest of Mr. John Jennings by the City of Columbia Police Department. Mr. Jennings is an employee at Longleaf Middle School. According to information published on the Richland County Fifth Judicial Circuit Public Index online database, Mr. Jennings has been charged with criminal sexual conduct with a minor. He has been placed on administrative leave following board policy.

As you can imagine, we are very concerned about these charges, but at this time we have no information that indicates that the alleged incidents are connected to our school. The City of Columbia Police Department has shared that the alleged incidents occurred between 2014 and 2017 and involved two minor females. We want to assure you that we are taking this very seriously. If you have any concerns about your child and his/her interactions with the employee please send me an email at [tboyd@richland2.org](mailto:tboyd@richland2.org) and I will get in touch with you.

I want to reiterate that nothing is more important than the safety and welfare of our students. You have my assurance that we do all we can to make sure Longleaf Middle School remains a safe place for teaching and learning. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Ms. Teresa Boyd  
Principal