

December 15, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to let you know that a criminal charge of sexual interference has been laid against a teacher at St. John Catholic High School, David Giroux.

We would like to note that teacher David Giroux from St. John Catholic High School, **should NOT be confused with former teacher and now retired Superintendent of Education with the Algonquin Lakeshore Catholic District School Board David Giroux, who shares the same name.**

This is what we know so far:

On April 28, 2022, an allegation was made by a group of students to a local recreational group about inappropriate behaviour by a teacher at St. John Catholic High School. The recreational group contacted the police who, in turn, contacted the school.

The teacher was immediately removed from the school and as of April 29 has not returned. The school cooperated fully with the police in the investigation.

The police investigation concluded that no criminal wrongdoing had taken place.

Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville, who had been contacted by the school, are also investigating, and their investigation of the allegation continues.

On June 9, 2022, an allegation involving the same teacher was brought forward to the school. This allegation was immediately reported by the principal to both the police and Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville.

In this instance, too, the school has cooperated fully with the police and with the Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville throughout their investigations.

Today, these investigations have brought forward a criminal charge of sexual interference.

The Catholic District School Board of Eastern Ontario is deeply concerned about the victim and the impact this situation has on our students, families, and school community. We want you to be aware of the facts and of resources that are available to you and students.

Emily Klyszynski and Veronica Proulx-Pilon, our school counsellors, are available if your child needs support. They can be reached through the school administration or by calling Pam Dunk directly for referral at: 1-888-834-1682.

If you have information you wish to report, please contact [Family and Children's Services of Lanark, Leeds and Grenville](#), at 613-498-2100 or the OPP Perth Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

We would also ask that you bring any information or concerns to the attention of Principal Deanne Strong or Vice-Principal Steve Dolan. They can be reached at 613-267-4724 at the school or by email at Deanne.Strong@cdsbeo.on.ca and/or Stephen.Dolan@cdsbeo.on.ca.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 613-258-7757 or by email at director@cdsbeo.on.ca.

I will be providing updates to you as information becomes available.

Yours truly,

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Director of Education