

*The Coeur d'Alene School District circulated the following message to teachers and staff members this morning re: the recent arrest of Coeur d'Alene teacher Daniel Taylor on 4 felony sex abuse counts:*

Dear Staff,

Many of our staff, students, families and public are asking questions about the recent arrest of Daniel Taylor, one of our teachers at Venture High School. As a district team, we have been working the last several days in trying to be as responsive and informative as we can to media and public information requests while balancing the district's responsibility to respect the privacy of Mr. Taylor and the young child connected with this issue as this personal matter, that has become very public, runs its course outside of our school system.

Our children are precious gifts. Both the information being reported by the news media and rumors circulating throughout our community are heart-wrenching. Children and adults are experiencing pain, sadness and confusion. We ask that you help us as always remain professional and focused on educating our students while providing support and compassion to anyone who may seek your help, both young and adult.

The police department confirmed that the allegations and charges do not involve any students at Venture High School nor did any of the alleged events occur on school property.

Mr. Taylor is on administrative leave until the district receives additional information from law enforcement and our judicial system.

The school district has support systems in place at buildings across our district that include school counselors, school psychologists, school resource officers and administrators who are available to talk with and provide one on one support to any student or staff member. We currently have additional support at Venture High School.

Please take extra care of yourself and those who surround you as we prepare to enter winter break.

Sincerely,  
Matt, Rosie and Laura