

February 3, 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

With a heavy heart, I need to make you aware one of our high school teachers, Darin DeBolt, was taken into custody by the police on February 2 pending further investigation. Please know we are concerned about this disturbing situation and are taking it very seriously. I assure you appropriate actions are being taken as the investigation unfolds, and the district is fully cooperating with the police. As of this morning, Mr. DeBolt is being held at the Benewah County jail.

According to the St. Maries Gazette, Mr. DeBolt could face serious penalties for allegedly having sexual contact with a 16 year old female. It is important you know this was not a Lakeside High School student; however, we made students aware of the situation first thing this morning. In addition to help from our own district counselors, Benewah Medical Center sent a counselor over this morning to assist with students.

Please feel free to contact me or your building principal if you would like to discuss the effect this situation is having on your child.

Sincerely,

Judi Sharrett, Superintendent