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Dear Sisters Academy Community,

This weekend Sisters Academy of Baltimore learned of an allegation of an inappropriate online relationship between 6th - 8th grade Social Studies teacher, Mr. Mark Planamente, and a former student from a previous school with no connection to Sisters Academy of Baltimore. Mr. Planamente was subsequently arrested by the Maryland State Police and charged with sexual solicitation of a minor and displaying obscene material to a minor.

During Mr. Planamente’s brief 11 week tenure at Sisters Academy there have been no incidents or reports of misconduct of any kind involving Mr. Planamente. Upon learning of his arrest, Sisters Academy immediately terminated the school’s employment contract with Mr. Planamente.

Investigators urge anyone with information related to this investigation to contact the Maryland State Police’s Computer Crimes Unit/Maryland Internet Crimes against Children Task Force at 410-694-4773. Callers may remain confidential. Sisters Academy is cooperating fully with the investigation.

Despite the incident occurring outside of Sisters Academy of Baltimore, we understand that this is troubling information for our students and that the health and welfare of each and every one of our students and staff members is paramount. Administrative staff and a team of counselors will be available to students and staff members to process this difficult news throughout the coming days and weeks. Safe internet usage specialists will also be on hand to conduct internet safety workshops for our students.

Working together, we will support our school community as we prayerfully reflect upon and respond to the crisis at hand while focusing on continued excellence in teaching and learning, and supporting a smooth transition to a new Social Studies teacher in the coming weeks.

Above all, Sisters Academy of Baltimore remains committed to protecting children and to providing a safe and healthy environment in which the students can learn.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns to Sister Delia Dowling, president or Dr. Jeanne Dolamore, principal at 410-242-1212.

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