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Monticello Teacher Reassigned after Allegations of Inappropriate Behavior with a Student

On Wednesday, June 3, Monticello High School Principal Arleene Siegel was notified by one of her teachers that a female student had reported various incidents of inappropriate behavior by one of the school's teachers.

Ms. Siegel immediately called in district administrators and launched an investigation. The Monticello Police Department was contacted.

It has been alleged that the male teacher had inappropriate contact with a 17 year-old female high school student this past weekend.

School officials removed the teacher from all classroom duties and contact with students until the police and district investigation is completed.

"Above all, the district is concerned for the safety of our students," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patrick Michel. "We have no tolerance for the type of unprofessional behavior that has been alleged."

State law requires that district officials report such allegations to the New York State Education Department to determine whether a teacher's license should be revoked.

As with all employees who interact with students, the district's standard practice of conducting an extensive pre-employment investigation before hiring was followed in this case. That included a background check for a criminal record, multiple professional and personal references, a series of interviews and fingerprinting.

A letter to parents of all Monticello High School students will be sent home.

In-school counselors have been made available to students.

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