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Dear Past Families and Langley Alumni,

We are reaching out to you because we recently learned from local media reports that Jeffrey Cummins, who worked at Langley as a music teacher from 1983-1993, was arrested locally on charges of indecent liberties against children. The police report can be found on the Fairfax County police website by [clicking here](#).

After hearing this troubling news, the school has since learned of a former Langley student's prior report of abuse involving Mr. Cummins. After researching the circumstances and speaking with this former student, it is our understanding that the school promptly took steps to address the situation at the time of the report. Our hearts go out to this former student and anyone who may have had similar experiences.

We seek to learn of any other allegations of misconduct from our past and understand how they may have affected members of our Langley community. The Fairfax County Major Crimes Bureau has asked us to encourage anyone who may have relevant information about Mr. Cummins to please contact them directly at (703) 246-7800.

We are sending this letter to past families for whom we have e-mail addresses. In an effort to reach as many alumni and Langley families as possible, we have also posted this letter on the alumni page of The Langley School website at <https://www.langleyschool.org/community/alumni> and in the news section of our homepage.

The physical and emotional safety and well-being of our Langley students, both past and present, remains at the core of our values and intrinsic motivations as educators. The thorough hiring and background check procedures we have in place today, as well as our school policies and Community Contract, are meant to protect the entire Langley community, and we continue to review and refine them as needed to maintain high levels of best practice.

Please know I am available to speak with you about matters such as these and any other potentially inappropriate conduct by others at Langley. You may contact me at escully@langleyschool.org or (703) 356-1920, ext. 880. We deeply value all former and current members of the Langley family and strive to sustain your continued trust and partnership. As such, we will continue to update the Langley community regarding this issue and share developments as we are able.

Regards,



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Head of School