



## Pearl River School District

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**Marco F. Pochintesta**  
Superintendent of Schools

December 11, 2018

Dear Pearl River School District Families,

I write to inform you of very serious allegations involving a staff member most recently assigned to Pearl River High School. On Monday, December 10, 2018, we were notified that Denise Christensen had been arrested by Clarkstown Police on drug charges. Ms. Christensen has been placed on administrative leave until the matter is resolved. The incident that led to her arrest did not involve students, nor did it take place on school property.

We hold educators and other district employees to the highest standards of conduct in the best interest of students. We stand committed to providing an environment focused on learning and the wellness of our students.

We will be retaining a certificated substitute teacher who will work with faculty and staff to ensure instructional continuity in this staff member's classroom. If you have any concerns regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Principal Michael Murphy at (845) 620-3800.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Marco F. Pochintesta'.