

## Willow Springs Elementary

Willow Springs Elementary School Parents,

Because we want to keep you informed, I want to share information about an incident involving our school.

The district was notified by the Wake Forest Police Department that a teacher at our school, Joshua Jenkins, was arrested today on three counts of indecent liberties with a child.

While privacy laws prevent me from providing much information about this specific situation, I can share with you that the charges are related to events that are alleged to have occurred in 2008 on the campus of Heritage Middle School. As soon as we became aware of this matter, we contacted WCPSS Human Resources who immediately suspended the teacher and opened its own investigation into the matter.

I want to assure you that our first and foremost concern is the safety of our students. Our school community does not take the trust you place in us for granted. I cannot express how deeply troubled I am by these disturbing allegations.

I ask everyone to be vigilant in protecting our children and to have important conversations with their children about relationships with adults. You can bring any concerns to my attention by calling the school office at (919) 557-2770. Students and parents can also report anonymously using our Tip Line, (919) 856-1911.

I am grateful for the actions of the Wake Forest Police Department in handling this matter. This afternoon they released the following information:

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Former teacher arrested for sex offenses committed in 2008

WAKE FOREST, NC – A former Heritage Middle School teacher has been arrested and charged with three counts of taking indecent liberties with a child in connection with incidents that occurred on the school campus in 2008.

Joshua Landon Jenkins, 5031 Blendon Trail, Garner, turned himself in earlier today at the Wake County Sheriff's Office. He was employed at Heritage Middle School, 3400 Rogers Road, from 2006-2010.

The cases involve three of Jenkins' students who were juveniles at the time the incidents occurred. Wake Forest Police launched an investigation in July 2021 when one of the victims came forward to report the alleged abuse.

Jenkins, 48, is being held at the Wake County Detention Center under a \$50,000 secured bond.

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As this is an ongoing investigation, please understand that I will not be able to comment further about the specifics of the case or the parties involved. Please feel free to contact me if you have any concerns.

Thank you,  
Camille Miller, Principal

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## **Heritage Middle School**

Heritage Middle School Parents,

Because we want to keep you informed, I want to share information about an incident involving our school.

The district was notified by the Wake Forest Police Department that a former teacher at our school, Joshua Jenkins, was arrested today on three counts of indecent liberties with a child.

While privacy laws prevent me from providing much information about this specific situation, I can share with you that the charges are related to events that are alleged to have occurred in 2008 on the campus of our school. Mr. Jenkins taught at our school from 2006-2010. WCPSS Human Resources has immediately suspended the teacher and opened its own investigation into the matter.

I want to assure you that our first and foremost concern is the safety of our students. I cannot express how deeply troubled I am by the allegations in this situation. Trust is critical to our relationship and even a charge of this type can damage that trust. Please know we will do everything we can to support law enforcement with the investigation.

I ask everyone to be vigilant in protecting our children and to have important conversations with their children about relationships with adults. You can bring any concerns to my attention by calling the school office at 919-562-6204. Students and parents can also report anonymously using our Tip Line, (919) 856-1911.

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Jo Ellen Newhouse, Principal