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Press Release

PUSD Teacher Arrested

Payson, AZ, January 31, 2017: On Monday, January 30, 2017 a teacher in the Payson Unified School District was taken into custody, at his residence, by the Payson Police Department. Tanner Hatch, a special education teacher at Julia Randall Elementary School, was arrested for inappropriate images on his computer. The Payson Unified School District wants to assure parents and the public that this incident was limited to inappropriate images on a computer and there is no evidence that any PUSD student was a victim in this situation.

The Payson Unified School District was notified by the Payson Police Department of a potential situation on Friday, January 27, 2017. The school district cooperated with the police department over the weekend and based on information obtained, the arrest was made. Mr. Hatch is currently on administrative leave pending the outcome of a formal investigation. At that point the District will move forward with appropriate disciplinary action. The District continues to work closely with the Payson Police Department on this situation.

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