



Superintendent Brian Shanks
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To Superintendent Shanks and ISD 242 School Board Members,

The Child Protection League (CPL) is a Minnesota nonprofit that is committed to protecting children from exploitation, indoctrination, and violence. We are writing to you concerning an extreme case of ongoing sexual harassment by a teacher in your school to students in her class that is reportedly not being addressed.

CPL was contacted for help by parents of your district's school who have reported the circumstances to you. Yet they have seen no action on your part. The specifics involve a teacher who has assigned explicit, pornographic, sexual material to 15- and 16-year-old students, requiring them to answer questions and report on the assigned readings. Two assigned 'poems' are a graphic description of pedophilia, a young girl being sexually molested by her grandfather; the other is a poem that includes intimate, offensive details of a homosexual boy's sexual experience. These poems are attached to this email in the form we received them.

In addition, students report that the teacher discusses in class details of her sexual life, her sexual identity as a "furry," and her 3-way sexual relationship with her husband and lesbian companion. She has reportedly raised the subject of incest in an approving way to a class including 14-year-old students.

The actions of this teacher are deeply disturbing. They violate and disrespect her students, creating an intimidating, hostile and offensive educational environment. They are an assault on the personal integrity of each minor student and on the spiritual and cultural mores of their families and community. Even more appalling is the lack of immediate action taken on the part of the school board and administration, once having been informed of the situation. By your inaction, you are tolerating and condoning sexual harassment of minors in your school.

A teacher who operates in this manner should be fired. You are knowingly exposing your students to an unsafe environment, and each of you is accountable for that.

This situation will not be swept under the rug. Children need your protection. The Alden-Conger community will not quietly accept this. Please be informed that CPL will become fully engaged in seeing that your inaction that is causing serious harm to minor students will be fully exposed until this teacher is fired.

Sincerely,

Julie Quist
Child Protection League, Board Chair