



October 30, 2018

Dear Deterding Families,

After more than a year of investigation, we can report that an arrest was made today and a person has been charged with multiple felonies in conjunction with alleged, serious financial crimes that have impacted our Carmichael community. Unfortunately, DREAM was a victim along with other local organizations. Last year, the DREAM Board was the first to discover some financial irregularities. As soon as we became aware of this issue, we immediately contacted the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to report this matter.

Upon uncovering some financial irregularities last year, DREAM established a new bank account so that Harvest Festival, Santa Breakfast, Choir, Chinese classes, First Friday and all our other wonderful arts, music, and dance programs provided to the Deterding school community could continue and that our finances would be protected. We enacted new financial controls, engaged a CPA, and secured a lawyer to advise us on all legal matters. DREAM would like to thank San Juan Unified School District for their financial support and our past and current board members who helped cover gaps in funding.

We ask that you be considerate of our school environment and our students. Please exercise restraint and sensitivity in making any conclusions regarding this matter. It is our utmost hope that our children are not adversely affected, and we ask that parents refrain from speculation until a full revelation of the facts by law enforcement and the Sacramento County District Attorney's office.

We appreciate the Sacramento County Sheriff Department's diligent work on this investigation over the past year. As the investigation has revealed, this is truly a crime against our entire Carmichael community. The DREAM Board is fully committed to doing everything within our power to recover any and all misappropriated funds. All records were given to the investigators and we helped spearhead seeking justice for these crimes. As this investigation and process continues, please contact the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department or the Sacramento County District Attorney for information.

Please know that DREAM and the Deterding school community has continued to succeed in its mission despite this setback. We ask that you continue to support DREAM and everything that we do together to enrich the education and lives of Deterding students.

Sincerely,

Deterding Resources for Education, Arts & Music

**dream :: deterding** resources for education, arts & music

Supporting the arts and education at Deterding Elementary School - Where the Arts are Academic!  
6000 Stanley Avenue / Carmichael, CA 95608 / [www.deterding.org](http://www.deterding.org)