



September 25, 2012

**STATEMENT by Richard E. Sexton, Superintendent of Catholic Schools**

Garces Memorial High School and subsequently the Office of Catholic Education, Diocese of Fresno, received information that an employee of Garces Memorial may have committed a criminal act with a student at the high school in 1976. In accordance with the applicable protocol, an internal investigation has been opened, the matter was referred to the Bakersfield Police Department, and the employee has been placed on administrative leave off-campus pending the investigation.

We are unable to provide further details or other information at this time, as the matter is under investigation and to protect the good name of all parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Sexton", written over a horizontal line.

Richard E. Sexton  
Superintendent of Catholic Schools  
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