

**SANTA MONICA-MALIBU UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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A Request for Document

Attached is a redacted copy of a letter documenting a March 2006 complaint of improper conduct made against Thomas Beltran by the parent of an 8th grade student. This letter was provided to the District on May 6, 2008, by the Santa Monica Police Department. As indicated in the letter, the Santa Monica-Malibu Unified School District investigated the matter and took appropriate action to ensure the protection of the complainant while also providing the employee an opportunity to respond to the complaint. Ultimately, the employee indicated that his actions were "misinterpreted" and as such, there was not enough evidence to take further action. The District also forwarded information regarding the complaint to the Santa Monica Police Department. The District was informed that law enforcement authorities investigated the matter, but ultimately determined that there was insufficient evidence to initiate criminal action.

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To: Detective Gladden, SMPD
From: Kathy Scott, Principal Lincoln Middle School
Date: March 30, 2006
Re:

On the morning of March 14, 2006, [redacted] and [redacted] came to assistant principal, Mr. Costanzo's office to report that [redacted] felt uncomfortable being in Mr. Tom Beltran's class because of the way he touched her. [redacted] wrote a statement that is attached to this report describing what she experienced.

Our response to [redacted] complaint was to remove her from Mr. Beltran's class and to talk to Mr. Beltran about his physical contact with students. I met with Mr. Beltran on March 15, 2006 to inform him of [redacted] complaint. Mr. Beltran was shocked at the accusation and was upset that his actions had been interpreted as inappropriate. I instructed Mr. Beltran to not touch any of the female students in his classroom in order to protect himself from any further misinterpretation. Mr. Beltran was in total agreement with my request.

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