

Slade School investigation closed; no charges filed

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On May 8, 2013, Dr. Barbara McGraw Edmondson, Superintendent of Schools for the Archdiocese of Baltimore, notified families of Monsignor Slade Catholic School in Glen Burnie that Anne Arundel County Police were investigating claims by a former student, who alleged being a victim of sexual abuse at the school.

Dr. Edmondson updated the Slade community on the results of the investigation July 22.

A copy of her letter, which was provided by the Archdiocese of Baltimore, follows.

"I write today with good news, namely to completely exonerate respected members of the Monsignor Slade School community. We communicated with the school community in May 2013 regarding an investigation by Anne Arundel County into allegations by a former student regarding conduct in the mid-2000s at Monsignor Slade School.

"We are happy to report that after multiple investigations conducted by the Anne Arundel County Police Department, the Anne Arundel County Department of Social Services and the Archdiocese of Baltimore it has been determined there is no credible evidence to support the allegations made by the former student. The Anne Arundel County State's Attorney's Office also declined to press any charges based on the allegations. The processes of the civil authorities took just over 11 months to conclude, after which time the Archdiocese of Baltimore conducted its investigation.

"The Archdiocese of Baltimore is committed to honest communications; thus we are very pleased to confirm the falsity of these allegations. The Archdiocese is also committed to the protection of children and to cooperating with civil authorities. Our policies also call for us to take steps to assist those who are falsely accused, as we are doing today. I remain proud of our Monsignor Slade Catholic School which continues to build on its tradition of excellence."

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