

To: Oak Grove School District 68 Community:

Today the former Business Manager of Oak Grove School District 68, Cheryl Roberts, was charged in the Circuit Court of Lake County with theft of money from the school. This matter involves herself and her husband, Robin Roberts, who is currently on leave as the district's Director of Buildings and Grounds.

Cheryl Roberts worked in the Business Office of Oak Grove School District since 1995. She resigned as Business Manager in August 2009 to assume a position in another school district.

Robin Roberts began work as a school custodian in 1986. He was promoted to Director of Building and Grounds in 2003.

The current school administrators discovered potential financial irregularities as they were reviewing payroll and they notified the School Board. These financial matters occurred over an eleven year period. The School Board commissioned a forensic audit which confirmed the administrators' findings. The School Board reviewed this matter with its attorney and concluded that they had a duty to refer this matter to the Lake County State's Attorney for further investigation and resolution.

Our District employees, School Board, and special auditors are fully cooperating in the Lake County State's Attorney's case as requested. We have been impressed with the respectful manner in which the Oak Grove Staff has handled this information.

We trust that parents will use their own judgment in determining what, if anything, they say to their children about this matter. Teachers will not be discussing this issue in school and will maintain the school program as usual.

The School Board, its Finance Committee, the Superintendent and Business Manager have put controls in place to avoid future problems and are continuing to refine our processes. Additionally, once the State's Attorney's office has completed its case, the District will take the steps necessary to recoup all financial losses.

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Board of Education President

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Superintendent