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ESD Trial, Day 12 UPDATED

Well folks, you know the drill by now. I'm headed to the courthouse for the twelfth day of testimony in a family's civil lawsuit against the Episcopal School of Dallas. The plaintiffs are still presenting their case and notable fact witnesses yet to be called include the victim's mother, Jane Doe, the school's former CFO Chris Burrow, head of the upper school Erin Mayo, and the woman being identified only as "Former Student." I'll keep you updated as today's testimony unfolds.

UPDATE 11 a.m.

Tolly Salz, a current teacher at ESD, is on the stand. It's been an emotional and combative experience, with the judge warning Salz she could be

cited for refusing to answer another question.

We're in a brief recess now so I'll save the rest of the updates for lunch.

Update 12:20 p.m.

If you tried to load our website in the past 30 minutes or so, the server was down. But we got it back up in time for your lunch recess updates. It's been a rough morning in the county courtroom of Judge D'Metria Benson. Here's the play-by-play.

10:10 a.m.

Tolly Salz, an English teacher at ESD, takes the stand with Charla Aldous leading the questioning for the plaintiffs. She asks Salz if she's ever bullied a child or gossiped about a child. Salz says no.

Aldous asks Salz if she attended either of the two staff trainings on appropriate boundaries between students and teachers at ESD. Salz says she did not.

10:20 a.m.

Salz/Aldous interaction is growing increasingly combative. Aldous reads from Salz's deposition.

"Do you believe it's sexual abuse when a teacher has sex with a child that is his student and is 16 years old?" Aldous asked in the deposition.

"I do not know," Salz responded.

10:30 a.m.

Salz says she first heard of Nathan Campbell's relationship with Jane Doe II in December 2009.

Aldous asks Salz if she was concerned when she learned about the relationship.

"It concerned me that anything could have happened with any student at ESD," she says.

Aldous probes further, asking Salz more about her feelings regarding sexual abuse of a child at ESD by a teacher.

"What the hell? Excuse me," Salz says. "Horror, ma'am. Horror ... The horror that I felt was that something had happened — something had happened and no one had known."

10:35 a.m.

Salz, raising her voice, says "If grooming is happening outside of the school ... how am I supposed to see it? How is he [her husband Marc Salz, who is also an ESD teacher] supposed to see it?"

10:40 a.m.

Aldous asks Salz if she ever commented to another teacher that Jane Doe II was “a difficult student.”

“I don’t recall ever saying that,” Salz says.

10:45 a.m.

“You thought Jane Doe II was openly flirtatious with several teachers?” Aldous asks.

“Yes,” Salz responds.

“Did you ever tell anyone about this before the Jane Doe II/Nathan Campbell incident came to light?” Aldous asks.

Salz says no and adds that she believed Doe II was also flirtatious with a female teacher.

“Her behavior was consistent,” Salz says. “Nothing caused me concern.”

10:50 a.m.

“After Nathan Campbell left ESD, you started issuing Jane Doe II demerits, did you not?” Aldous asks.

When Salz says she doesn’t remember the timing exactly, Aldous shows documentation that Salz did in fact issue Doe II two demerits on Jan. 14 and Jan. 27. Prior to this, Salz, who never had Doe II in class, hadn’t issued the girl a demerit.

11 a.m.

“The bottom line is, after Nathan Campbell left and rumors started spreading, you had it in for Jane Doe II,” Aldous asks.

“That is so far from the truth, ma’am,” Salz says.

11:05 a.m.

Aldous again asks Salz why she never reported incidences where she witnessed Jane Doe II being inappropriate with other teachers until after Campbell left ESD.

One example was when Jane Doe II allegedly yelled at Salz’s husband, Marc, in the commons. She was reported to have said, “How dare you tell your wife something I told you in confidence. I’ll never talk to you again.”

Tolly Salz says it was her understanding that this had been reported and there were notes of this and other incidences in Jane Doe II’s file.

“You had personal knowledge that there was something in her file about inappropriate behavior — sexually inappropriate behavior?” Aldous asks.

“I don’t know,” Salz says.

11:10 a.m.

Salz keeps adding her own asides to questions, and Aldous objects. After numerous objections, Judge Benson tells Salz that if she doesn’t answer the questions, and only the questions, she will have to cite her.

Salz fights back tears.

“You actually saw Jane Doe II flirting with Nathan Campbell one day with Marc was there, didn’t you?” Aldous asks.

“No, I did not,” Salz responds.

Aldous then goes to Salz’s deposition, where she testified that she had witnessed that exact scene.

ESD asks for a brief recess for their client. The judge grants it.

11:30 a.m.

Salz says while she didn’t gossip about Jane Doe II and Nathan Campbell, other teachers came to her about the alleged connection between the two.

“Do you think that’s appropriate?” Aldous asks.

After a long pause, Salz says yes.

Salz is consistently testifying in contradiction to her deposition, causing Aldous to ask her if she realized at the time that her deposition was a sworn statement. Salz says that she did.

11:45 a.m.

Aldous presents a document where the ESD counselor reported on a meeting between Erin Mayo and Mr. and Mrs. Salz. In the document, the counselor attributes statements about Jane Doe II going to visit Campbell in her sports bra and short shorts to Tolly Salz.

She also reportedly said that Doe II had, “on more than one occasion, turned her body and her breasts in a way that they were touching or near touching a teacher.”

“Did you see this happen?” Aldous asks.

“Yes, in chapel,” Salz says. “It’s a very, very tight squeeze ... it didn’t concern me at the time.” (Salz did not report the incident until after Campbell had resigned.)

“That’s not for me to decide if someone else’s boundaries have or have not been breached,” Salz says.

11:50 a.m.

Salz says that Sara Campbell, then Nathan's wife, told her that Jane Doe II had been sexually abused by [another teacher at ESD] in the 2008-2009 school year, and that was why her husband was counseling Doe II. Salz says that Sara told her about this accusation because Sara was trying to figure out, "Is he the lying bastard, or is she?"

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~~"It was presented to me as a cover story, not a real fact," Salz says.~~

Salz says that in March when she heard about the cover story, even though she believed it to be false, she told Erin Mayo about it.

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Aldous asks Salz if she tried to protect her husband, and if they had tried to discredit Jane Doe II's character upon learning about the affair.

"I am so angry," Salz says. "Neither one of us had any clue this was happening, nor would we have turned our backs on anyone ever."

Salz then put her head in her hands and began to sob.

Aldous passes witness.

Lunch recess until 1:30 p.m.

1:45 p.m.

Shonn Brown leads the cross-examination for ESD. She asks Salz what her definition of flirtatious is.

"When I think of the word flirt, I think of something that is carefree, like I have an inside joke with you. I'm confident with you," Salz says.

Brown then goes to say if that's the kind of "smiley, jokey" behavior that Jane Doe II, or any student at ESD exhibited, is that something you'd typically report to administration?

"No," Salz says.

1:50 p.m.

Responding to a question about the role of an advisor at ESD, Salz says, "We're the touch point person to make sure no child falls through the cracks."

2:10 p.m.

Salz recalls an incident where two students came up to her and were “very disturbed” because, they said, Jane Doe II had told them about her relationship with Campbell and described it as a consensual sexual relationship. This is also when Doe II reportedly asked other students to see if Sara Campbell was wearing her wedding ring.

2:15 p.m.

“Our job is to make sure all of our students are safe,” Salz says, adding that her office is “a big giant fishbowl with windows everywhere.”

2:20 p.m.

“Do you bear any ill will toward Jane Doe II?” Brown asks.

“Absolutely not,” Salz says. “Absolutely not.”

Pass witness.

2:25 p.m.

Aldous begins the rebuttal, asking Salz about an incident before Campbell left when she saw another male teacher receive a text message from Jane Doe II in chapel.

“You didn’t give her a demerit then, did you?” Aldous asks.

“No, I didn’t,” Salz says.

There are a couple passes back and forth before Salz is finally excused.

2:40 p.m.

Dr. Laura McCracken, Jane Doe II’s therapist, takes the stand. She discusses her background and experience with counseling child sexual abuse victims and research regarding the grooming process.

She says she believes Doe II’s grooming process began at the beginning of her sophomore year.

3:20 p.m.

McCracken says Campbell threatened Doe II, saying he would destroy her life if she didn’t meet with him. She says this is textbook grooming/sexual predator behavior.

3:25 p.m.

McCracken says she talked to John Doe the day before he had to withdraw his daughter. She told him to ask ESD what they were going to do about

teachers violating boundaries with Doe II by asking her about Campbell.

“Would you have recommended Jane Doe II be expelled on Jan. 27?” Cyndy Goosen asks.

“No, because it was too sudden and she would feel she was to blame,” McCracken says. “It would cause her more trauma.”

3:30 p.m.

McCracken reads from her therapy notes the day she found out Jane Doe II had been expelled.

“Overall the concern is she will likely feel re-victimized by the school. It seems to have been handled very poorly,” McCracken’s notes read.

“It implies blame and that they wanted to get rid of her,” she adds on the stand. “I was extremely worried and stressed out by the whole situation.”

3:40 p.m.

McCracken says Jane Doe II will continue to have “her ups and downs,” and that likely triggers for sexual abuse victims include the next time they enter into a sexual relationship, getting married, and having children.

3:45 p.m.

Goosen asks McCracken what kinds of problems did Doe II have as a result of Campbell and ESD.

McCracken says depression, anxiety, sleep problems, nightmares, and irritability.

“Will she likely continue to have problems?” Goosen asks.

“Yes, I’m sorry to say,” McCracken says.

Pass witness.

4 p.m.

Royce West is cross-examining McCracken, and opens with this.

“You have not past experience with the victims of student/teacher sexual assault, do you?” He asks.

McCracken says that’s correct.

“And you have no experience with a victim of sexual assault being expelled, do you?” West asks.

McCracken says no.

“This is your first rodeo, so to speak?” West asks.

“As it relates to a student victim of a teacher sexual assault being expelled from a school, yes,” McCracken says.

4:10 p.m.

West asks if McCracken would agree with the American Psychological Association that the most serious types of sexual abuse are perpetrated by family members and/or by using force.

“I would agree, but that’s not an exhaustive list,” she says.

4:15 p.m.

“Was it appropriate for ESD to refer Jane Doe II to therapy?” West asks.

“Yes,” McCracken says.

“Was it appropriate for them to alert CPS?” West asks.

“Yes, it’s a liability for them to do so,” McCracken says, adding that if they were to get sued, it would be crucial that they contacted CPS.

4:20 p.m.

West asks how much trauma and anxiety Campbell caused Jane Doe II.

McCracken says “a significant amount.”

West asks her to rate it on a scale of 1 to 10, but Goosen objects and Benson tells West to move on.

4:30 p.m.

West is going through notes from Jane Doe II’s therapy sessions with McCracken. He also looks at a note about a telephone call McCracken had with ESD psychologist Dr. Any McGerrahan after Doe II was expelled. McGerrahan told McCracken that “essentially everyone” knew that it was Jane Doe II who had been involved with Campbell and that several students had come to him to talk about the situation.

4:40 p.m.

“Is it fair to say that your biggest problem with ESD is that they abruptly ended her time at the school?” West asks.

“Yes, I had a problem with the way it was done,” McCracken says.

“The way it was done or the decision?” West asks.

“I don’t think she needed to be expelled,” McCracken says.

5 p.m.

“If ESD had not separated her from the school, she still would’ve suffered trauma, correct?” West asks.

“Yes, at the hands of Nathan Campbell,” McCracken says.

Pass witness. Goosen has no further questions so the witness is excused. Jury goes home for the day.

5:05 p.m.

ESD asks to present an offer of proof on why certain parts of John Doe’s video deposition should be admitted into evidence.

Aldous says that they can simply have the video deposition admitted as evidence for that same purpose, but Chrysta Castaneda, lead counsel for ESD takes issue with that idea.

“The Court of Appeals looks for testimony to be written into the court record,” Castaneda says.

The judge allows it. And thus begins a 30 minute clip of testimony in which nothing terribly exciting happens. Here are the highlights:

John Doe says his daughter had a midnight curfew on weekends and a 10 p.m. curfew on weeknights. He says he did not monitor her cell phone usage until after the Nov. 29, 2009 incident with the Farmers Branch Police.

Doe also says he and his wife did not do anything to verify that their daughter was spending the night at a friend’s house when she told them that she was.

Doe says he had a discussion with his daughter about appropriate behavior with boys when she was 13. He says he did this with all his daughters (he has three) when they were younger.

An unidentified ESD attorney then asked the question many on the blog are posing:

“Inappropriate acts occurred at your home, and you didn’t discover them, did you?” the attorney asks.

“No,” Doe says.

“But you are suing the school and the diocese for not discovering inappropriate behavior?” he asks.

“Yes,” the father says, adding, “It’s my opinion that the school has an equal responsibility, perhaps more, in protecting my child.”

West asks if the jury can hear this testimony.

Benson says no.

Court is in recess until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

UPDATE 6:30 p.m.

I just got off the phone with Tolly Salz, who wanted to correct the representation made about her testimony at 11:50 a.m. It was my understanding from the testimony and exhibits used that Salz had not told administration about the “cover story” Campbell used with his wife. However, Salz says that she did tell Mayo as soon as she heard it, which was in the spring. This confused me because a document telling the same story was dated 1/29/10, so it appeared that Salz had heard the story in January but didn’t tell administration until March. That was incorrect. She said she told them immediately. I apologize for the error and have made a correction above as well.

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By [Claire St. Amant](#) Aug. 22, 2011 | 8:33 am | [42 Comments](#) | [Comments RSS](#)

42 comments to "ESD Trial, Day 12 UPDATED"

HMills @ August 22, 2011 at [4:01 pm](#)

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So, either

(1) Teacher A has information that Teacher B is counseling a student who has been sexually abused by Teacher C, and Teacher A doesn’t follow up with either Teacher B or the administration.

or

(2) Teacher A has information that the wife of Teacher B is concerned about the appropriateness of Teacher’s B relationship with a student, and doesn’t confront Teacher B or inform the administration.

Either way, Teacher A has a lot to answer for, including being stupid. In 2011, it’s only self preservation to pass on that kind of information to the administration and let them decide how to deal with it.

Thufir @ August 22, 2011 at [4:30 pm](#)

Incidents? Check.

Instances? Check.

Incidences? Only if you are Jerry Jones.

concerned @ August 22, 2011 at [5:04 pm](#)

I have been following this closely since day 1. One thing I have wondered about is why Mr. Campbell was allowed to finish the day after admitting to the affair,

when a few years ago, a math teacher was escorted off campus in the middle of the day by a SWAT team. And since according to Swann's testimony there has never been a case of sexual abuse at the school prior to now, what could a math teacher have done that would have been so much worse?

parent of 2 teens @ August 22, 2011 at [5:31 pm](#)

Maybe I watch too much "Law & Order" but shouldn't ESD's attorney's have prepped Mrs. Salz for this aggressive questioning? And wouldn't they have reminded her of her sworn depositions? I can't wait to see how they try to recover this afternoon.

Texas Educator @ August 22, 2011 at [5:38 pm](#)

I also have read each of your posts, Ms. St. Amant. You have a tough job, and are doing a great job. Keep it up.

What stuns me are the number of comments negatively referencing Jane Doe II's flirtatious behavior. This is a developmentally common practice. The flirting doesn't begin with a girl coming to the door in a towel. It starts very small and requires a significant amount of back and forth among both of the parties. Good school policies will train teachers how to deflect, or if necessary, cut off flirtatious behavior. It will also instruct colleagues to intervene with other teachers who appear to be starting down a dangerous path.

Is the flirting inappropriate? Yes, completely. And that is where a teacher should come in. it is the role of the teacher to teach.

This is a period where girls of this age begin to realize that their appearance generates a new (and often pleasing) reaction in men. Predators learn how to surreptitiously exploit that.

And I have the completely logical circumstance for anyone who equates Jane Doe II's flirting with culpability: They get to enroll their own children in a high school instructed exclusively by 16 year olds. It is logically equivalent to their thinking Jane Doe II should have been the one responsible for the flirtations.

Excuse me? @ August 22, 2011 at [5:45 pm](#)

What is the matter with the adults at this school? Isn't it the law that teachers have to report even suspicions?

Interested Observer @ August 22, 2011 at [6:02 pm](#)

@parent of two teens I agree. That is definitely a bad start to this witness. Hope they do some work with her on break. Interested to see what happens in afternoon session report.

I have been reading comments over and over about the trial, and I'm curious about something. I would really like some feedback from the posters with your opinion. I've read that the school "had" to remove JDII from the school because she was a "disruption." I understand that point to some degree, however, a similar situation occurred in my hometown at the public high school (not in Big D), and it was the ONLY option for high school in the area. There were no other private schools, public schools, etc. in which the student could continue her education. The family could not afford to send the girl to boarding school or out of town, so staying in the school was the only option. The school immediately terminated the teacher and filed criminal charges against him, paid for counseling for the student (she acted out in a similar way to JDII), AND had required and voluntary counseling for the student body to help the other students and faculty deal with the victim and the outcome. ESD is a fine educational institution, but I cannot see how requiring the student to leave helped. It seems to have fanned the flames and turned this into a circus.

In addition, I've noticed several of the posters from the other day did not know what "grooming" is. I am the parent of a toddler who attends a preschool here in town. As a requirement to help at the school even as a volunteer, we take a class on how to identify predators and the grooming process. It is horrifying to see how these people target and manipulate their victims. If you do not know about this process and you have children in your life that you care about, please take the time to learn about this. Being able to understand the process and catch the person before they can act out with the child can truly save a child from a life of emotional and spiritual torment. Most churches, schools, and any child-centered business can point out places you can learn about grooming. The more we know, as adults, the less likely our children are to be victimized.

sadobserver @ August 22, 2011 at [6:11 pm](#)

Why both parties didn't choose to settle out of court is beyond me, as each have their own issues. Jane Doe is not as innocent as her lawyers try and make her, like the fact she went 10,000 text messages to Campbell, including nude pictures of herself, she did create the hostile environment that caused her to get kicked out by talking to other kids and giving them her lawyer-approved side of the story, trying to contact Campbell after their relationship was found out, lying about the details of her time with Campbell, and the over the top innocence act—a 16 year old will know if they just had sex with someone or not. To me that's not the actions of a victim.

But ESD also did not do their very best to protect the girl because Campbell did charge whatever he pleased to the school without any fear of circumstances. And why is it teachers at ESD never go to these important seminars?

It just seems like this case is really about who can sling the most mud on their opponent before the end, which is a shame. But its really not looking good for ESD, you would think that with all that's at stake they'd hire better people. But really, who wins? ESD gets dragged through the mud, but I don't see them closing down or anything like that, this sort of thing happens at the private schools all the time (as sad as that sounds) but the girl has to live with being Jane Doe II and have it most probably follow her to college and have a lot of people continue to dislike her and her family, if the comments posted on this blog are any indication of that fact. I can think of plenty of people from Dallas that go to her school and that does not help with her fitting in or joining a sorority. That's just not healthy and will not help her move on. I think this could have been taken done differently to spare all of this but I guess when money is the prize, people can do crazy things.

Intersted Observer @ August 22, 2011 at [6:13 pm](#)

@Excuse me? and @Texas Educator, here—here to you both. Good remarks. @Texas Educator, I would even go so far as to say that those 16 year olds target men and women using the flirtatiousness. It IS inappropriate, and they have not yet learned the power of their actions and the consequences. That is why adults in charge need to be aware and help steer these kids in the right direction. I remember being dreamily in love with several male teachers and coaches and “flirting” with them when I was in high school. Each of these teachers was seasoned and gave me encouragement in a positive way while simultaneously rebuffing any advances I made. Those teachers are still some of the greatest educators I have ever had because they guided me while teaching me boundaries. That is my hope for the interactions of all students and educators.

Elaine @ August 22, 2011 at [6:21 pm](#)

The school did help JDII with counseling and tried to let her stay at ESD for a few months until it was no longer healthy for her to remain there. I think it's quite clear that the school could have handled the crisis better, but they did not intentionally attack her. JDII obviously wasn't going to get a good education and a nurturing community and her presence was preventing her 90 peers from receiving their ESD education as well.

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [6:27 pm](#)

@Interested Observer: The only reason this turned into a circus is because the greedy parents and lawyers want \$10 million. The money won't get their daughter's virginity back, or her innocence.

The best thing for the school to do was to get her to leave. She was causing too much of a disruption for the other students (and for herself).

Excuse me? @ August 22, 2011 at [6:53 pm](#)

More of that Christian love from eagle-eye!! You go, girl...

amanda @ August 22, 2011 at [7:22 pm](#)

The parents of the victim have done ESD and this community a HUGE favor. It doesn't matter to me one bit if anyone agrees with me or not, but this “circus” is a public service.

We haven't seen this reporter's notes from after lunch, but as several earlier comments indicated, this was not a good witness for ESD, regardless of how hard Ms. Salz tried to be.

What do you want to bet that the training Ms. Salz (and let's be honest, a lot of other faculty members) opted out of becomes MANDATORY? What do you want to bet a few more parents (at a number of schools, not just ESD) start paying closer attention? What do you want to bet that for some anonymous girl out there who reads this blog and our comments, when a teacher crosses the line, she'll know what it looks/feels like to be in the crosshairs of a predator?

The true believers will continue to cling to incredible support of ESD regardless of fact. There is no reason for Ms. Salz and Ms. Campbell to “dish” girlfriend style at the expense of a student known to both of them as a potential molestation victim.

Again, there are some great, very thoughtful comments coming out from this, and it's an important ongoing dialogue to have.

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [7:45 pm](#)

@Excuse me?: Do your children go to a private school? If so, then someone from their school has been asked to leave. Every single Dallas private school has expelled/forced withdrawal on someone at one point or another.

Do you think those kids don't have emotional issues? They do — the thieves, the cheaters, the bullies, the sexual harassers, etc. A school change is hard on anyone. But the reason they have to leave is because they're at a point where staying at the same school is not healthy for them or their classmates.

THAT is what happened with Jane Doe.

She wasn't forced out because she was a victim (which I'm not saying she wasn't— she WAS a victim) or because she hurt ESD's reputation.

Her behavior toward and relationships with the ESD community prevented her from ever being able to thrive at ESD again, and THAT'S why she had to leave.

EagleParent @ August 22, 2011 at [8:09 pm](#)

I keep saying this, but whatever various bloggers feel about Jane Doe or ESD— her parents should have removed her from the school immediately! Why would any parent want their child in a situation with other teens gossiping and – sad to say Jane Doe2 was lying to her parents, the administration, and her peers. What does anyone think about the 2–3 girls in her class that she was spreading lies about to deflect the attention from her? ESD has so many loving families, fabulous faculty and does not deserve to be sued for 10 million dollars.

parent of 2 teens @ August 22, 2011 at [8:09 pm](#)

Excuse me? @ August 22, 2011 at 6:53 pm

More of that Christian love from eagle-eye!! You go, girl...

Great comment, Excuse me?! Eagle-eyed needs to find a rock to crawl under.

Excuse me? @ August 22, 2011 at [8:42 pm](#)

They've had the weekend to get the story straight, and message succinct for a blog.

A rape victim hurt a loving school full of wonderful families, supportive faculty, a veritable utopia right here in Dallas.

Excuse me, I just threw up in mouth a little.

EagleParent @ August 22, 2011 at [9:05 pm](#)

Claire— are you going to follow Nathan Campbell's trial? I am curious about what he has been doing for the last year and a half— has he been working and how is he paying for his defense, etc. I know he is divorced and his wife and son have left Dallas, but has he been here? And could there be a possibility that he and Jane Doe 2 could still be in contact? She is 19 now.

concerned @ August 22, 2011 at [9:07 pm](#)

@Eagle Parent

So let me get this straight: You're saying that you know that Jane Doe's classmates are such compassionless, self-centered little jerks that she was better off in a secular environment? I think that says a lot about this "religious" education...

parent of 2 teens @ August 22, 2011 at [9:30 pm](#)

EagleParent @ August 22, 2011 at 9:05 pm

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Eagle Parent – If you've been following the story you would know Jane Doe II is on her way to her college of choice after her testimony last week. Nathan Campbell's trial has been delayed – Since you know his ex-wife and son have left Dallas, maybe you're letting him stay in your pool house since you're one of ESD's loving, supportive families.

Did you send Jane Doe II a birthday card?

ESD Student @ August 22, 2011 at [9:34 pm](#)

I am one of her classmates and I am NOT self centered jerk. You have no idea who her classmates were so I think you should not comment considering you have never met them. Mrs Salz is one of the nicest most compassionate people I have ever met.

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [10:07 pm](#)

@amanda: I suppose I'm one of the "true believers" clinging to ESD, but it's not regardless of fact. By the way, read the update: Tolly Salz did tell Erin Mayo about her conversation with Sara Campbell.

I have not said that ESD was perfect. This is a very sad situation, tragic for the victim and her family and also sad for the school community. I think ESD should have asked both parents to be present at the withdrawal meeting. They should have had more faculty training and awareness. They should have used Jane Doe's situation as a learning experience for the entire community instead of keeping it hush-hush.

But they did right in forcing her to withdraw. I've explained why many times and I'll paste my prior explanation again:

She wasn't forced out because she was a victim (which I'm not saying she wasn't- she WAS a victim) or because she hurt ESD's reputation. Her behavior toward and relationships with the ESD community prevented her from ever being able to thrive at ESD again, and THAT'S why she had to leave.

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [10:08 pm](#)

@parent of 2 teens: Oh, I need to find a rock to crawl under, do I? You may have insults, but I have reason. I do agree with you about the attorneys though; they are not prepping the ESD people very well.

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [10:08 pm](#)

@Excuse me?: I know it's hard for you to wrap your mind around, but she was NOT asked to leave because she was a rape victim. (See above)

eagle-eyed @ August 22, 2011 at [10:08 pm](#)

@concerned: Name me a Dallas private school where a rape victim who had an affair with a popular teacher and was spreading lies about other students and gossiping about her "rapist" 's wife would be accepted with open arms. The hypocrisy of all of you non-ESD private school parents is disheartening.

Neal @ August 22, 2011 at [10:19 pm](#)

Did anything happen this afternoon? I am wondering if ESD's lawyers managed to rehabilitate Tolly Salz after her rather tragic appearance this morning. Let's face it, Charla Aldous couldn't have gotten better testimony if she'd written it herself.

The blame for this disaster mostly goes to the school's lawyers. It is shocking that they didn't prepare this witness, but apparently that's what happened. But surely Tolly Salz herself has enough common sense to understand that if she gives testimony that is directly contrary in all material respects to sworn testimony from a few months before, she will look like a scatterbrain at best and a liar at worst. If she didn't know that this morning, she does now.

Neal @ August 22, 2011 at [10:23 pm](#)

"I just got off the phone with Tolly Salz, who wanted to correct the representation made about her testimony at 11:50 a.m. It was my understanding from the testimony and exhibits used that Salz had not told administration about the "cover story" Campbell used with his wife. However, Salz says that she did tell Mayo as soon as she heard it, which was in the spring."

Claire, you might want to double check this when you get your hands on the transcript. It seems Ms. Salz sometimes mixes up what she *claims* she said and what she *actually* said.

Nancy @ August 22, 2011 at [10:41 pm](#)

These posts from these plaintiff's attorneys talking about how they think their case is going well are pretty funny. Really? Seems to me every witness confirms that Miss Doe was part of the problem. She is clearly not a "child" and not normal for girls her age.

Skeptical @ August 22, 2011 at [10:45 pm](#)

A friend emailed this link to me yesterday. The author is Kenneth Lanning, he is an FBI specialist noted for his research in areas of sexual abuse cases. I have just started reading through it, but there is a great deal that corresponds with this case. Including issues like “the victims are not perfect angels” and the abusers are often “nice guys” whom everyone likes. From what I have reviewed, there is also a lot about outsiders not having much sympathy for older victims. I think reading through portions of this would be an education for many of us.

http://www.missingkids.com/en_US/publications/NC70.pdf

astonished educator @ August 22, 2011 at [11:11 pm](#)

This trial is fascinating! I cannot believe the testimony is not just some extremely bad fiction. It sounds like the school needs an overhaul, starting at the top. It seems board members should become active in an apparently much-needed process of examination, evaluation and change. This would be in the school’s best interest. I will be following closely for weeks to come. Keep it up Claire! Are you sure you’re not making this up?

EagleParent @ August 22, 2011 at [11:13 pm](#)

@parent of 2 teens: I am so thankful that you are not part of the ESD community. My child was in Jane Doe’s class and YES I have been following the trial and probably know more than you or Ms. Aldous knows. How many classmates have come forward to defend Jane Doe2? NONE! Don’t you find that a little odd? How many families allowed their children to be deposed? NONE! Why don’t you keep your opinions at your own school? And keep watch over all of your teachers to make sure this doesn’t happen to your 2 teens.

EagleParent @ August 22, 2011 at [11:24 pm](#)

@Parent of 2 teens– wish I had a pool house and No we didn’t send Jane Doe 2 a birthday card. I am just curious about who is funding Nathan Csmpbell. And hope that Jane Doe 2 has a good college experience and am thankful that she will be out of Dallas and have a fresh start.

Trial report @ August 23, 2011 at [12:01 am](#)

Liars, ill-prepared lawyers, ill-prepared witnesses, combative witnesses, cleric-collared liars, federally subpoenaed senator/ lawyer, confiscated cell phones, jack in the box objecting lawyers, new victim(s), witness-tampering.....

Whew

Who needs HBO? We have it all right here.....

Mrsz1ppy @ August 23, 2011 at [1:33 am](#)

Eagle parent, I am an ESD alum and a parent of 2 teenagers at a different school, and I would never allow my kids to be involved in testifying for or against JD II, because she and her behavior are not on trial.

amanda @ August 23, 2011 at [7:11 am](#)

Eagle parent...it doesn’t surprise me at all that no one stepped forward to defend this girl or her family. No one has written a “how to” manual on being enveloped in a sexual scandal for teenagers, parents, and the bystanders.

I think several key lessons were missed. First, a chance to HELP the girl, not expel her. It’s easy to say, “it was for the best.” But clearly, it wasn’t taken that way.

The next lesson missed was to the faculty and parents (of ALL the students.) EVERYONE could have and should have been on the same page about a sexual predator in their midst. Even now, almost 2 years later, that’s not the case. ESD apologists are STILL claiming that grooming is “psychobabble” and blaming a CHILD.

And, finally, there are Biblical lessons about themes such as grace, forgiveness, confession, redemption, etc. Those seem to be unimportant in this Christian school. Perhaps that’s the saddest part of this kerfuffle.

Campbell had many, many victims in all of this. I don’t condone bad behavior by the victim after the relationship was exposed. But, I do know that she

reacted like a CHILD, which is what she was. Kids can't process rage, rejection, disappointment, etc. like an adult. She responded, in my opinion throughout this circumstance like a child, immature, capricious, and without thinking about the long-term effects of her decisions. But, you know what? So did the adults.

Buried somewhere above was a thoughtful comment about a personal experience with a similar situation. The entire school was helped through with WISDOM, grace, and patience.

From the pre-lunch testimony, it certainly looks like the witness and Mrs. Campbell were friends...can any ESD parents imagine HOW this girl felt...a target of gossip, the punchline to a joke, and even hostility from faculty members who were friends with Campbell's wife? Anyone? For crying out loud...Salz wasn't even her teacher but was giving out demerits for what has been referenced as "attacks" on Mrs. Campbell. IT LOOKS BAD.

I'm not saying she should have stayed at ESD... I'm not saying she's perfect. I'm not saying that I would have reacted as her parents did. I'm seeing a very tragic chain of events based on bad decisions all the way around. Anyone bemoaning the "circus," remember this: ESD could have SETTLED and kept all of this out of the public arena.

In my experience, people don't file lawsuits, especially embarrassing ones without a reason. The family is described as "greedy." Really? Maybe they are HURT. A friend, a physician told me once (using quotes but paraphrasing), "You know why people sue when doctors make mistakes? We're only human, and we do make mistakes. It's because we don't respond to the complaint, concern, and mistake in the right way. When a doctor is nice, apologizes, and displays empathy, we don't get sued." I thought of that in thinking about this situation.

It's easy to mock an elderly lady with a multi-million dollar judgement over spilled coffee, but no one wants to admit that she was, in fact injured. That "frivolous" lawsuit brought about change. This one will too...and wasn't dismissed in previous motions, or on summary. This suit will bring about change that goes beyond ESD.

When someone throws down that this girl won't get into a sorority (gasp!), it's another example of how the ESD family isn't dealing with the reality of this. I'll bet this girl won't have a "normal" relationship well into her 20's, and will need much therapeutic intervention.

sickofthis @ August 23, 2011 at [7:25 am](#)

I continue to be amazed on this blog that the school is being held to a higher standard than the parents. It's okay for the parents to not know that JDII was having an inappropriate relationship, but not okay for the school? Whose ultimate responsibility is it to make sure our children are safe, nurtured, and thriving?

Again, this trial is about the fact that JDII was separated from the school, and NOT about the relationship. All the mudslinging here is not helpful to anyone.

HMills @ August 23, 2011 at [8:39 am](#)

This trial isn't about the parents. It's about EDS's duty to a student they invited into their community. And they surely have a duty to all of their students — separate and independent of any parental duty — and I seriously doubt ESD would argue otherwise.

The student was abused by an employee of the school, and would not have met her abuser but for his role as her teacher. The relationship began at the school. Sure, the parents have a duty. But so does the school. If they failed the girl, then they failed the girl and should be held accountable. It doesn't matter how many others also failed her. Indeed, if her parents were asleep at the switch, perhaps true Christian educators would have assumed a greater role of oversight, guidance and responsibility?

And I'm struggling to see the Christ-like in the comments of those associated with the school who are berating this girl. Sexual abuse by an authority figure, which a teacher surely is, skews the response of the victim. The victim comes to believe that the abuse is natural. And if her morals were so lacking after 10 years of education at their religious school, perhaps those associated with EDS should do some looking in the mirror.

laurie @ August 23, 2011 at [9:10 am](#)

I have yet to comment on any of this, but it is horrible to blame the parents for the school's lack of oversight. Substitute Catholic church or Kamp Kanakuk for ESD, and you can see how wrong that thinking is. How many of you did things that your parents didn't know about? Things that might be considered illegal or dangerous today? I would bet 100%!

Retired Teacher @ August 23, 2011 at [10:11 am](#)