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Rhode Island high school staff solicits 'donations' to pay cartel 'coyote' who brought student to U.S.

A local teachers' union president confirmed the solicitation occurred and noted an investigation into the incident is ongoing



By Gabriel Hays | Fox News



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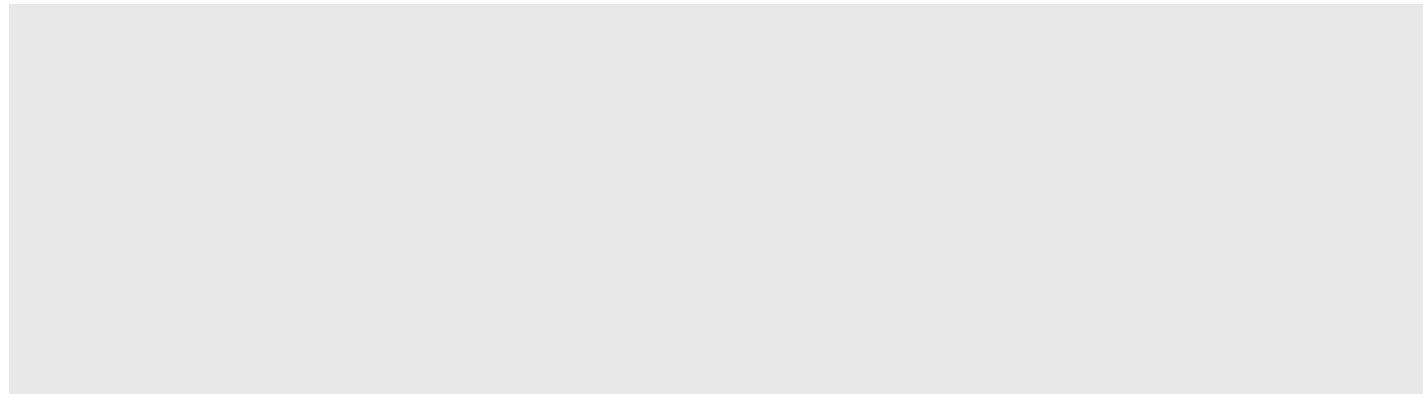
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According to leaked emails confirmed by local school officials, an assistant principle at a Rhode Island high school solicited "donations" from school staff members to [pay off a cartel coyote](#) who

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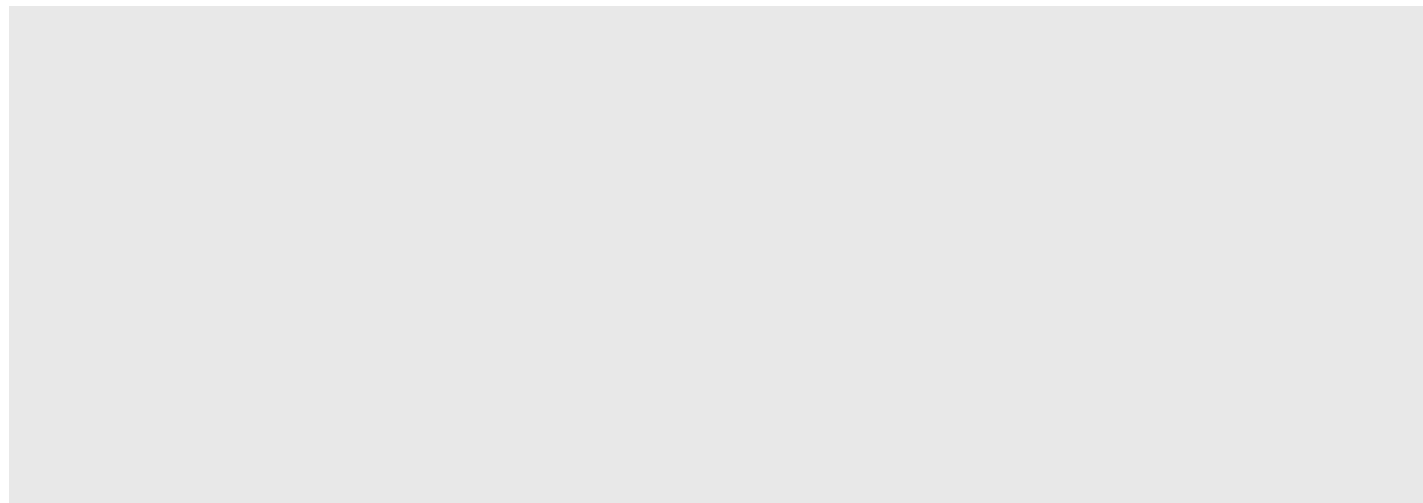
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Screenshots of the email shared to Twitter, Friday, revealed that Mount Pleasant High School Assistant Principal Stefani Harvey asked school staff to help an unnamed student meet his goal of raising \$5000 to pay off the cartel member that brought him across the border into the U.S.

Harvey claimed the student was only \$2000 short of his goal and needed support.

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The assistant principal's note, which appeared to be sent to the entire faculty and staff of the high school, stated, "We have a student who came to America with 'Coyote', which is a group that helps people. This group gives you a time frame to make a payment of \$5000 dollars to those, who bring them to the state."

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It looks like Mount Pleasant High School in Rhode Island is soliciting donations from teachers to pay a debt to a cartel that trafficked a student.




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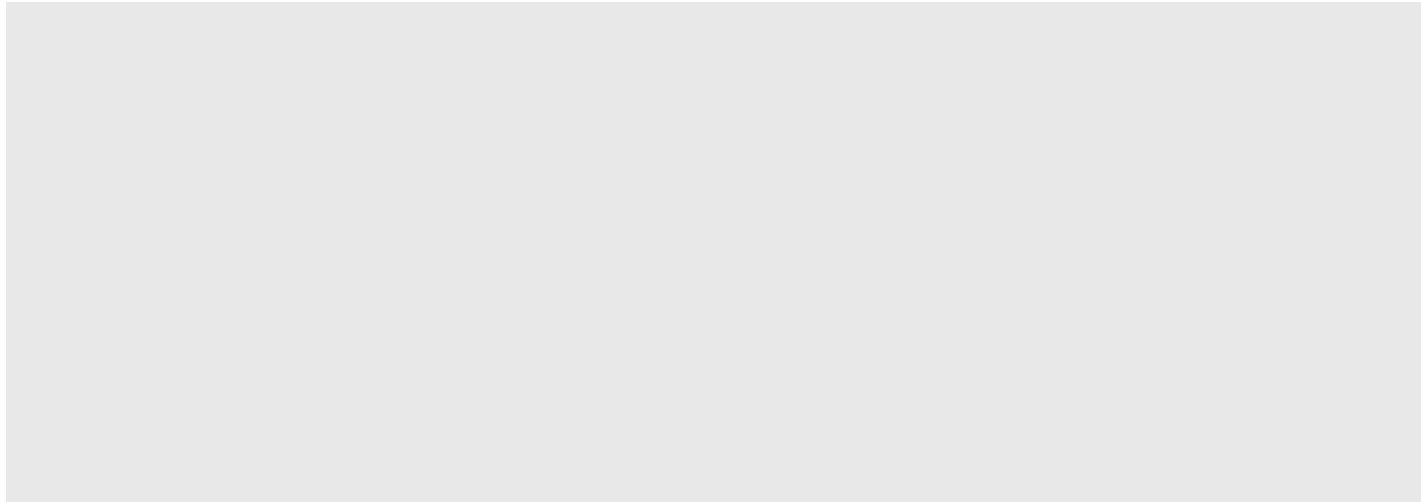
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The subsequent segment of Harvey's email read, "Our student needs our urgent support to raise another \$2000 to meet his goal of \$5000 by February 1st, 2023." The text's font was in bold and highlighted, relaying urgency to staffers to pay off [the human smuggler](#).

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The assistant principal's signature could be seen clearly in the Twitter screenshots. It included her name, title and pronouns – "she/her/hers."

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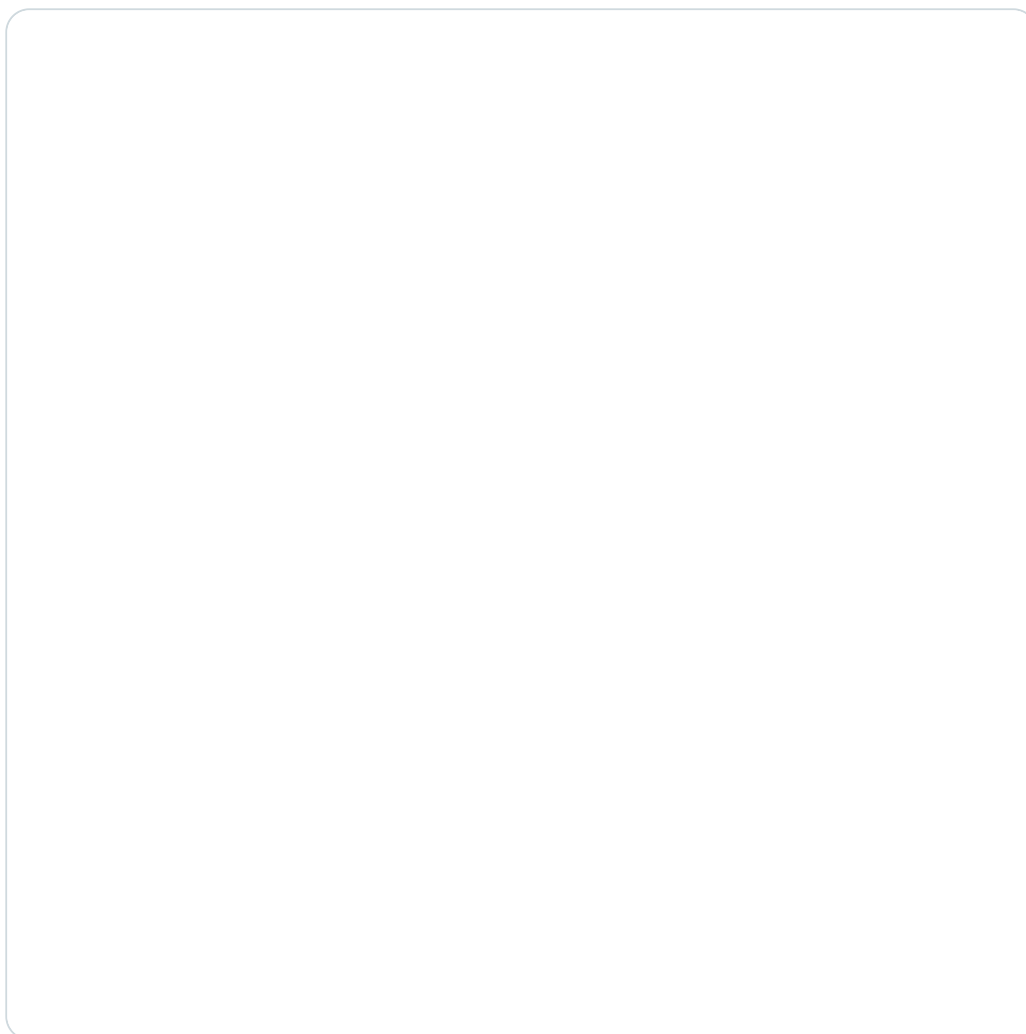
This could have serious federal criminal law implications and any teacher who receives this email should immediately notify the union as to how to deal with it. They may have an obligation legally to report it to the police. [@AGNeronha](#)

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The principal of Mount Pleasant High School in Rhode Island then sent an email to all faculty and staff saying "the nature of the request is not appropriate."

Does "not appropriate" mean illegal?



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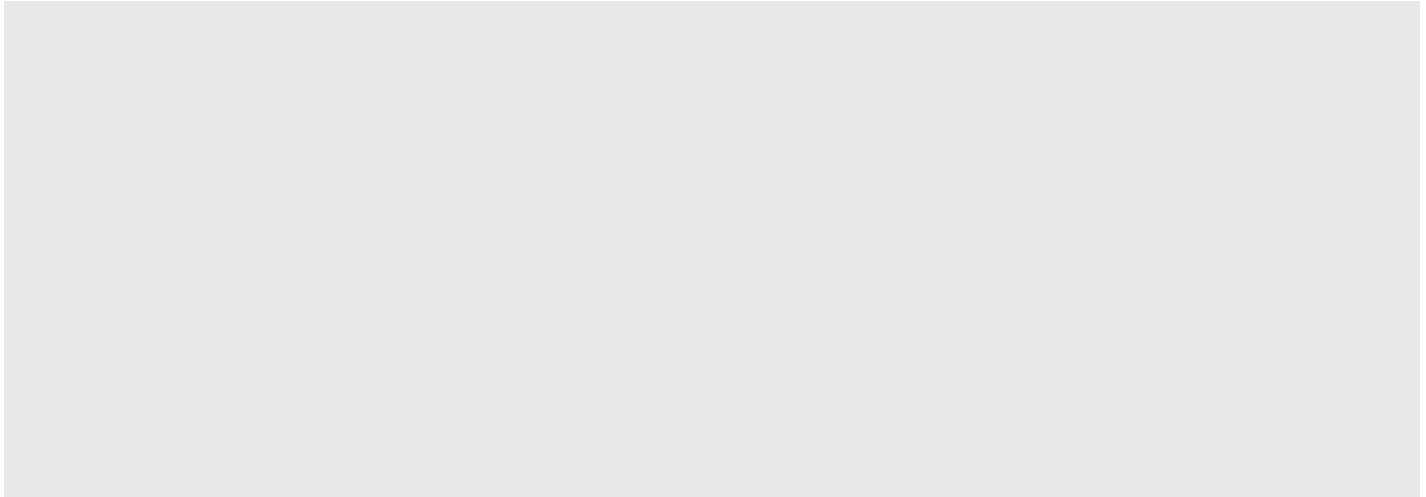


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An image of _____ any Delaney was shared to Twitter as well. In the memo, Delaney said, "I was informed there was an email seeking financial support for one of our students. I appreciate the faculty and staff contributing to a cause that supports a student, but the nature of the request is not appropriate."

SARA CARTER JOINS TEXAS DPS AT BORDER, ENCOUNTERS WOMAN STRANDED BY SMUGGLERS



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Fox News Digital reached out to staff at Mount Pleasant High School staff and Providence Public School officials to confirm the veracity of the emails. Providence Public School District Chief Communications Officer Nick Domings provided the outlet with a statement.

Domings claimed, "I can confirm that the email in question was sent to staff at Mount Pleasant High School. The school's principal immediately took steps to have a retraction issued when she learned of the email. The Providence Public School District is now investigating. We will not be commenting further on ongoing personnel matters to ensure the proper processes can take place."

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During an interview with local radio host Matt Allen on the "Matt Allen Radio show," Providence Teachers' Union President Maribeth Calabro confirmed the existence of the emails as well. She told the host that she first heard about the email from an inquiry Allen left on her voicemail. She then sought confirmation from Mount Pleasant High School staff, which she received.

Calabro explained, "You informed me through your voicemail and then I reached out to folks at the school, and they confirmed that it was in fact an email sent by the assistant principal. And I also heard since then that the principal of the building has weighed in and retracted the email and said that any moneys that were taken or whatever would be returned."

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People wait outside a house, Wednesday, March 19, 2014, in southeast Houston. A house overflowing with more than 100 people presumed to be in the United States illegally was uncovered just outside Houston on Wednesday, a police spokesman said. The suspected stash house was found during a search for a 24-year-old woman and her two children that were reported missing by relatives Tuesday after a man failed to meet them, said a spokesman for the Houston Police Department. (AP Photo/Houston Chronicle, Cody Duty) (AP Photo)

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I love the old, "We can't comment on an ongoing, internal investigation." That's code for "We're hoping our silence makes people lose interest so we can sweep this under the rug."

BTW, aiding and abetting human trafficking is illegal. The student should be deported and the V. Principal should be ar...

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Title 8, U.S.C. § 1324(a) defines several distinct offenses related to aliens. Subsection 1324(a)(1)(i)-(v) prohibits alien smuggling, domestic transportation of unauthorized aliens, concealing or harboring unauthorized aliens, encouraging or inducing unauthorized aliens to enter the United States,...

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If that was being enforced, then Joe Biden would be in jail.

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What kind of country have we become where the rule of law means absolutely nothing anymore? Decisions through Ideology trumps right and wrong, good and bad or just common sense.

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We live in a country racing towards societal, economic, and sovereign collapse. And the Dems are driving.

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A country that has been asleep for decades and enjoying their bread and circuses when awake while Marxist inspired liberals were subverting the country slowly using what is called **long march through institutions of society**, very effective in a society that has been conditioned to make impulse decis...

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I would absolutely not donate for that. I would have reported it to the law enforcement and ICE and see if anything would be done about it.

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Sadly that is a very uncertain "if".

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Not out of compassion, but typically the coyote threatens to harm the person or their family members if the debt is not paid by a certain date.

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olderamer



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What is wrong with people living in the northeast of our country? In this case they want to pay foreign criminals... and the student that's here using all the services we the taxpayer has created -- but not contributing to it themselves -- should be sent back to his homeland. Sorry, I'm just tired ...

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Justthinkaboutit741



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I completely agree with you. Once they get into this country we will be responsible for the housing, food clothing, and education.

All for Free, the Receive more for Illegally coming into this country then Americans who pay taxes due.

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The Liberal mind is a destructive thing. It also seems to attract more to their cause. I can't figure out why any sane American would vote Democrat and help the liberal ideology move forward

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Now your school staff are directly involved in human trafficking. Why are any of these people still employed and when are they going to be charged?

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I am confused. Have we not been told by the Dems human trafficking is not occurring? Isn't this akin to paying ransom to a terrorist? It will only encourage more individuals to be exploited by the so called coyotes.

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Haven't you learned? Dems lie. All the time.

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Penalties -- The basic statutory maximum penalty for violating 8 U.S.C. § 1324(a)(1)(i) and (v)(I) (alien smuggling and conspiracy) is a fine under title 18, imprisonment for not more than 10 years, or both.

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The FBI is on it.....lol

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Delaney added, "All funds contributed will be returned and we will seek more appropriate methods to support out students."

Anyone involved should be arrested and jailed for a period of time.

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So this is what you call conspiracy. Also could be called aiding and abetting. Time to prosecute.

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