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Local Superintendent Advocates for Parental Rights and Pays a High Cost

Madison County, Montana - April 30, 2024 - In a bold stand for parental rights and student protection, local Superintendent and Candidate for State Superintendent, Sharyl Allen, found herself in the midst of a controversy as she was arrested by the Madison County Sheriff's Captain on April 23, 2024. The charge: Obstructing a peace officer.

Allen's arrest came as a result of her unwavering insistence that parents be notified before minor children are interrogated. Board policy includes the following statement: *The student's parent or guardian should be present, if practicable, during any interrogation on school premises.* She firmly believes that parental involvement is crucial in safeguarding the rights of students. By adhering to board policy and advocating for parental rights, Allen was fulfilling her duty to protect students while ensuring parents are informed and involved in their children's lives. She sought legal counsel after observing non-verbal law enforcement cues, and was advised to be very careful as she could be arrested as outlined in criminal code MCA 45-7-302. She called the Captain with this added legal advice the afternoon before she was arrested.

Reflecting on the incident, Allen expressed her commitment to the values Montanans hold dear: the rights of parents to raise their children.. Despite the consequences she faces for her actions, Allen remains resolute in her dedication to championing parental rights and what that means in standing up for students.

As Montanans rally behind Allen, her courage and determination serve as an inspiration to all who share her commitment to upholding parental rights and ensuring the rights of students are also preserved.

Allen's initial hearing was held today in the Madison County Justice Court this morning, where she pled not guilty to the charge of Oostructing a peace officer.

About Sharyl

Sharyl Allen's 40+ years in education has reminded her over and over of the responsibility to fight for kids, and advocate for parental rights no matter the personal cost. Currently serving as a local Superintendent and Candidate for State Superintendent, Allen has been unwavering on the responsibility of parents to raise their children – not government nor government schools. Her recent arrest underscores her steadfast determination to stand firmly in protecting students and defending parental rights in raising their children despite the adversity.

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