

Full statement from Debi Ray-Rivers, founder of Saving Children and Revealing Secrets:

“SCARS is saddened to learn that a former teacher at Saltus Graham School was alleged to have had inappropriate sexual behavior with twelve former students forty years ago. Times have changed where victims are now empowered to reveal their sexual abuse.

Now that light has been shed on this tragic issue, it is our hope that these individuals, will or have, received the support they need for healing.

We are encouraged by the fact that Saltus Grammar School has made child protection a priority and through our work with them we have confidence that they are doing all the right things when it comes to child protection in relation to child sexual abuse prevention.

In response to our enquiry, we have been advised by Saltus that the alleged child sex offender is alive, but no longer residing in Bermuda. Although we are relieved that the children here in our community of Bermuda are safer because of geography, we still maintain concerns that the children wherever he resides, may still be at risk. Now that the appropriate authorities have been made aware of this matter, it is our hope that there is a similar organization like SCARS, in his community, that is advocating for child sexual abuse prevention.”