

# Former Edmonton music teacher charged with sexual assault

A former music teacher with Edmonton Catholic Schools has been charged with sexual assault of a male student under the age of 16.

Twenty-nine-year-old Alyssa Tungul faces one count each of sexual assault, sexual counsel of a child under the age of 16, and having sexual contact with a child. She taught at H.E. Beriault Catholic Junior High School in west Edmonton at the time of the accusations.

Edmonton Police Service became aware of the case in late November 2018 and immediately launched an investigation, said Cheryl Sheppard, Edmonton Police Service communications advisor, in an email.

Tungul was charged in May. At that time, Tungul had moved on to teach at Bishop David Motiuk Elementary and Junior High School. Edmonton Catholic Schools subsequently suspended her with pay in December 2018, pending the outcome of the court proceedings.

Edmonton Catholic Schools have confirmed that Tungul was removed from the school when they were alerted of the police investigation. The district is also conducting its own internal investigation.

In a statement, Edmonton Catholic Schools spokesperson Dana Prefontaine said: "We want to assure parents the safety and well-being of students is always our top priority and we continue to work with police on this matter."

Further details of the case cannot be disclosed while the charges are before the court, but Sheppard said investigators believe that there were no other additional victims.

Tungul is scheduled to appear in court on July 24.