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### **EAST AURORA SCHOOL DISTRICT 131 EMPLOYEE CHARGED FOR FAILING TO REPORT SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE**

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An East Aurora School District 131 employee faces criminal charges for failing to report suspected child abuse to authorities as required by law.

Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 42-year-old **Elizabeth Aguilar** with the offense of failure to report child abuse as a mandated reporter, Class A misdemeanor.

Kane County prosecutors allege in charging documents that between March 6 and March 8, 2018, Aguilar, a teacher at Bardwell Elementary School in Aurora, having reasonable cause to believe that a child known to her in her professional capacity was an abused child, failed to make a report of the suspected abuse to the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

As a teacher, Aguilar is designated by Illinois' Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act to be a mandated reporter of abuse and neglect of children and is required to immediately report suspected abuse and neglect to Illinois DCFS.

Mandated reporters who reasonably believe that a child may have been abused or neglected must immediately call DCFS at 1-800-252-2873 (1-800 25-ABUSE) to make a report.

Also, any person may call about suspected abuse. If a report proves to be unfounded, the law provides immunity if the report was made in good faith.

Aguilar's initial court appearance is scheduled for 9 a.m. Oct. 31, 2018, in front of Associate Judge Salvatore LoPiccolo at Kane Branch Court in St. Charles.

The charge against Aguilar is not proof of guilt. Aguilar is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove her guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

**Elizabeth Aguilar:** Age 42 (d.o.b. 11-4-1975), of the 300 block of Marion Avenue, Aurora