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To our Chillicothe City School community:

Assuring the safety and well-being of students in our schools is our absolute priority. At any time, if allegations of inappropriate contact with students are raised, it is our obligation to take it seriously – and we do. We have a zero-tolerance policy for sexual contact between employees and students, and we enforce that policy vigorously.

When we were made aware of allegations against an employee, we acted swiftly to engage local law enforcement and to reassign the employee to work at home. That is our responsibility to our families and our students.

Our District cooperated fully with a multi-week investigation by police, and the case is now in the hands of the prosecutor. With the indictment, there are certain steps that the District is required to take under Ohio law. The first is to suspend the employee from all duties that require the care, custody, or control of a child during the pendency of the criminal action. The second is the indictment must be reported to the Ohio Department of Education. The District immediately acted to do so upon learning of the indictment.

We share your concerns about this situation and recognize how incredibly difficult this is for everyone. We are aware this is an emotional situation with diverse opinions, and we ask for your understanding. The District will provide counseling for any students needing additional support. In addition, we will update the community as more is known and can be shared.

Because the case is ongoing and to preserve the privacy of those involved, it would be inappropriate for the District to discuss this matter further.

The team at Chillicothe City Schools places great value on your trust in us. We appreciate your continued support during this time.

Sincerely,

Jon Saxton
Superintendent