STATEMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Recently, the Board of Education and Superintendent McNamara have received complaints regarding the transfer of an elementary school teacher. Those complaints have escalated to the point where we have received emails and social media posts claiming that Administration has failed or refused to follow District policy or the law, and did not thoroughly review the relevant facts and circumstances. Claims have also been made that a teacher who has been assigned to the school building, from which the other teacher was transferred, does not have appropriate certification and training.

All of the above-referenced allegations are inaccurate. Please be assured that decisions such as these are not made lightly. We understand and sympathize that staffing adjustments are difficult. However, administration followed applicable policy, thoroughly reviewed the facts and circumstances, and all staff involved are appropriately certificated and trained.

Unfortunately, those community members who have elected to post and/or otherwise circulate the aforementioned inaccurate allegations and information, have now exacerbated this situation by making what we believe to be unfair, inappropriate and defamatory statements. These statements disparage the integrity and competency of members of Central Administration, District staff and the Board and are unacceptable. We implore those who are involved to cease and desist.

We have also been criticized for declining to engage in an open public dialogue at Board meetings and/or online, regarding the specific details of the aforementioned facts and circumstances, and the actions of Administrative and other staff members. This criticism has proven to be extraordinarily frustrating for the Superintendent, Central Administration and the Board. The reason for our frustration is that we are of the firm belief that if we could provide a detailed explanation of the District’s actions, the community would realize that the Superintendent, Central Administration and the Board have acted at all times in the best interests of the staff, students and parents. However, we are legally bound to protect the privacy and other rights of all staff members; and therefore, we have been unable to have the public discussion that some members of the community have demanded from us. That being said, it has always been our intention to act in a manner which best serves the District and the community, and we will continue to act accordingly in the future.

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