



## NORTH EAST SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear North East Families,

This correspondence is to inform you that law enforcement authorities are currently conducting an investigation involving a District employee. The employee has been placed on administrative leave pending further review, outcome, and in compliance with all District policies and applicable laws. Placement on administrative leave is a procedural measure and does not constitute a determination regarding the allegations.

The District is fully cooperating with law enforcement and will continue to do so throughout the investigative process. Because this matter involves personnel and legal considerations, the District is limited in the information it may disclose.

The District will take all appropriate actions consistent with the findings of the investigation and in compliance with applicable laws and policies.

The district remains committed to providing exceptional educational opportunities and maintaining a safe and supportive environment for all students.

Please direct any questions to the District Administrative Office.

Sincerely,

Dr. Michele S. Hartzell, S  
Superintendent

Mr. Brian E. Emick  
Assistant to the Superintendent

"The Mission of the North East School District is to Nurture and Empower lifelong learning and responsible citizenship"

"The Vision of the North East School District is to be an exemplary educational community by developing knowledge and skills to positively influence a changing world"