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**Subject:** Update on Investigation into Former Staff Member

Dear Families,

I am writing to update you on a situation affecting the Sequatchie County Schools that is currently under investigation. Recently, district administration informed DCS and local law enforcement of an allegation that a former employee had engaged in inappropriate communication with a student via social media.

We have been working in close coordination with the police on this situation, and the individual is no longer employed by the school district. Due to the ongoing investigation, we cannot share further details at this time.

We are grateful to those who came forward to report this matter. Student safety and wellbeing are always our highest priority. We encourage all parents and guardians to have open conversations with their children about appropriate online communication and to remind them that if they ever feel uncomfortable about interactions with anyone, they should immediately tell a parent, teacher, staff member, or another trusted adult. As a reminder, school employees are mandated reporters.

If your child needs support at this time, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school's administration or counseling team.

Thank you for your attention to this important update. As it is an open investigation, we cannot make comments.

Sincerely,

Sarai Pierce

Director of Schools