



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

ALMA CENTER - HUMBIRD - MERRILLAN

May 7th, 2026

Dear Lincoln Staff, Families, and Community Members,

I am writing to share an update regarding the criminal case involving former Lincoln School District Business Manager, Danielle Mittermeyer. On May 7, 2026, Mrs. Mittermeyer entered a plea of guilty to a felony charge related to the misappropriation of District funds. As part of that plea, she accepted responsibility for unlawful actions involving District finances between 2021 and 2025. We are encouraged that the case is now advancing to the restitution and sentencing phase of the legal process.

The investigation determined that Mrs. Mittermeyer utilized multiple methods to improperly divert District funds and conceal those activities through the alteration and manipulation of financial records. These actions were not identified during annual external audits conducted during that time period, and were only uncovered following her resignation and the reassignment of financial responsibilities to other District personnel in August of 2025. Once concerns were identified, District administration acted immediately to protect District resources and preserve evidence. The Lincoln School Board was informed, and the District promptly coordinated with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Security Financial Bank, and the District's new auditing firm, Kerber Rose. In addition, understanding that Mrs. Mittermeyer had accepted new employment involving financial responsibilities, District administration contacted her new employer in September 2025 to encourage financial oversight and controls.

Throughout the investigation, District staff worked closely with law enforcement agencies, forensic investigators, and auditors to identify weaknesses in procedures that allowed the misconduct to occur. As a result of those findings, the District has implemented additional financial safeguards and strengthened internal control procedures designed to better protect public funds moving forward. These procedural improvements were presented to the Lincoln School Board during its April 20 regular meeting and are included with this communication.

I want to recognize the professionalism and dedication of our staff throughout this process and on behalf of the Lincoln School District, extend our gratitude to the Jackson County Sheriff's Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Security Financial Bank, CESA 4, and Kerber Rose for their assistance and partnership throughout this investigation. I also want to express appreciation to our students, staff, families, and community members for their patience, support, and trust during this challenging period.

The District remains committed to transparency, accountability, and maintaining the strong educational environment our community expects and deserves. Thank you for your continued support of the Lincoln School District.

Respectfully,

Drew Semingson
District Administrator
Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillan School District

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