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Joint Statement from the Williamsport Area School District and the Williamsport Area Board of Education on Recent Allegations of Misconduct Against Employees

In light of the recent allegations of misconduct made against two of our employees, we wish to acknowledge our community's concerns, sense of shock and heartbreak over these reports.

Please know that we recognize and share in the deep distress this news has caused our community. The School District and Board of Education are taking these accusations very seriously and continue to respond accordingly, following school policies and procedures consistent with these situations. We're cooperating to the fullest extent with law enforcement as the investigations into these allegations continue, and we ask for your patience and understanding as we work through this process. At this time, we must fulfill our legal obligations and proceed correctly and carefully without interfering with or disrupting the investigations.

We wish to assure you of our commitment to the safety and well-being of our students and expect all staff to adhere to the highest ethical practices and conduct. We will not tolerate behaviors that compromise that commitment. By working together, we can ensure that our schools will continue to be safe and effective learning environments for our students, staff and community.

As always, please encourage your child to let a trusted adult know if he or she witnesses or is aware of any suspicious activity or behavior. Parents and students also can anonymously file a report through the state's Safe2Say Something Anonymous Reporting System by calling 1-844-SAF2SAY or by visiting www.safe2saypa.org.

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