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Good afternoon Stearns Community,

As mentioned in the last communication, separate DCF and PPS investigations are ongoing to ensure a thorough process. A full and accurate account of the events has not yet been determined, as we are in the investigation process. We take these allegations with the utmost seriousness and are committed to ensuring a thorough, transparent, and fair investigation.

As our investigation continues and new information has been obtained, additional paraprofessionals assigned to Room 1 have been placed on administrative leave, effective Friday, March 7, 2025.

Additionally, a member of the school or district administration will be reaching out to each family with a child in Rooms 1 and 7 via phone and/or email to determine if any additional support is needed for their child.

Also, if any parents of students in these rooms have not yet spoken with us and wish for their child to participate in interviews as part of our ongoing investigation, please contact **Christine Macros, Director of Social Emotional Learning and Student Support**, at cmacros@pittsfield.net at your earliest convenience.

Important to note, district administration will be conducting a staff meeting on Monday, March 10, 2025, to provide a thorough review of district protocols regarding de-escalation strategies. This meeting is intended for all paraprofessional and teaching staff, ensuring that everyone is well-equipped with the necessary knowledge and best practices to handle challenging situations effectively and maintain a safe and supportive learning environment for all students.

Our top priority continues to be the safety, dignity, and well-being of every student in our care. Any actions that compromise the trust placed in us by families and the community will be addressed with decisive and appropriate measures.

If you have any questions or additional concerns to report, I encourage you to reach out to my office (sluciani@pittsfield.net 413.499.9554), Assistant Superintendent Bishop (mbishop@pittsfield.net 413.499.9510), or Superintendent Curits (jcurtis@pittsfield.net 413.499.9512) as we approach this process with the diligence and gravity it requires.

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