

PRESS RELEASE

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Statement by Superintendent Sarah Barnstable

For Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5

The Carterville Community Unit School District No. 5 was informed late in the evening on February 20, 2026, that the Williamson County Sheriff's Department is investigating alleged conduct of a District employee. At this time, the Sheriff's office has declined to provide specific information. Rest assured, the District will continue to be in contact with the Sheriff's office to obtain more information. Based on the limited information provided by the Sheriff's Department, a decision was made to place the employee on administrative leave, effective immediately. The Board of Education and administration are committed to protecting the welfare and security of District students. The administration will follow up on all information provided to it. The District's investigation will proceed as a confidential personnel matter. We will provide further information as appropriate.

For more information:

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