

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF CADOTT COMMUNITY

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## Community Update: Internal Audit Results and Personnel Status

The School District of Cadott Community is issuing the following statement regarding the Business Office and the results of a recent independent financial review: May 14, 2026

The School District of Cadott Community remains committed to transparency and the highest level of fiscal accountability. Following an initial statement on February 4, 2026, the District is providing an update regarding the Business Office and the results of a comprehensive, independent financial review.

In response to federal allegations concerning the prior employment of the Business Manager at a different school district, the Board of Education directed an independent review of all local financial operations. To ensure objective oversight, the District engaged Baker Tilly, an independent advisory firm, to conduct procedures over financial activity involving the Business Office from August 1, 2025, to February 3, 2026. These results were presented to the Board on March 2, 2026. The firm found no evidence of fraudulent activity within the District, and all financial records were found to be in alignment with standard accounting practices.

Regarding employment status, the individual was placed on administrative leave on February 3, 2026, immediately upon the District's receipt of notice regarding federal charges. Following the independent review confirming the integrity of local finances, the employee was reinstated to modified duties on March 9, 2026. The District has since been made aware of a guilty plea entered in federal court related to the individual's previous employment. This development is being taken with the utmost seriousness, and the District is currently evaluating the matter in consultation with legal counsel and the Board of Education to ensure compliance with state law and contractual obligations.

The District continues to maintain strict protective measures to safeguard public funds. Since February 4, 2026, the individual has had no access to District bank accounts, nor the handling of any cash or assets. Current assignments are strictly limited to administrative functions that do not involve financial disbursements. The District's internal controls remain robust, and the Administration remains dedicated to its role as a responsible steward of taxpayer resources.

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