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Sharyland ISD Community,

I would like to provide you with an update and status on the incident that was brought to the District's attention that took place in the Fall of 2019. The safety and security of all students is the priority of the Sharyland ISD. Our students are the sole reason for the existence of the Sharyland ISD.

Over the past week, the District has received multiple phone calls and emails regarding the incident and has been made aware of information that has been published on various social media outlets. Some of the information that has been published on social media has been inaccurate, based on false information, or has been reckless with regard to the privacy and well-being of individual(s). While the District would like to answer questions posed by members of the community and address some of the inaccuracies that have been published, the District must make it a priority to protect the privacy of our parents and students, not only pursuant to State and Federal Law, but out of respect and common decency toward those individuals. For those reasons, the District is unable to disclose much detail regarding the incident.

What I can tell you is that immediately upon learning of the incident, District administration notified the Mission P.D., Corpus Christi P.D. and Child Protective Services of the matter. The District then commenced an immediate and thorough investigation into the incident, including notification to the parents of those involved.

The District meted out punishment to all implicated in accordance with the student code of conduct, school district policy, and Texas Law, pending any additional results of the law enforcement investigation. The District has also been in close communication and cooperation with the law enforcement agencies as they continue with their investigation into the matter.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind all Sharyland ISD families that any student that experiences or witness misconduct by anyone should report it immediately so that an appropriate action may be taken.

Sincerely,

Dr. Maria M. Vidaurri

Sharyland ISD Superintendent of Schools

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