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Statement regarding the C.R. Anderson Middle School paraeducator situation:

The District is fully cooperating with the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and authorities. News of this nature is deeply unsettling, but we want to provide reassurance that we remain vigilant in maintaining the secure, supportive environment that students deserve.

The employee is not allowed on school premises, is to have no contact with students, and has been placed on unpaid administrative leave. We are committed to transparency and will continue to work closely with local authorities throughout this process.

Our school counselors and administrative team are available to support any students or families who may have concerns during this time.

Furthermore, we would like to provide clarification on a few things-

Concerns in our community:

From what we know so far from the Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office and from official documents, this situation did not involve more than one victim. We are working to support the student and family referenced in yesterday's allegations, while also supporting all students and staff. It is completely understandable that there are major concerns (which are 100% warranted) of other students working with and being taught by the employee at Central's afterschool SACC program in 2025, at Central for the Summer 2025 program, and at Kessler SACC in a limited capacity during the first semester of this school year. We have communicated with families and are offering support to not only them, but anyone in our HPS community who may need it.

If you have information about an incident or need to report a concern, please contact school administration or the appropriate authorities.

Background Checks:

We do at-hire background checks, and they are valid for five years.

Administrative Leave Without Pay:

Per the direction of our legal counsel, the employee was placed on Administrative Leave Without Pay pending the result of the felony criminal charges against him.