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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Hempfield Area School District launched an internal investigation into allegations of inappropriate communication between a high school teacher and a high school student. Following this internal investigation, we immediately reported the allegations to the PA State Police and Children and Youth Services. As required by law, we filed an Educator Misconduct Report with the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

We are also aware of an allegation that was made by a student who stated that she was disciplined for making the report. This is absolutely false, we strongly encourage our students to come forward and speak up if they feel that something inappropriate has occurred.

The teacher in question was placed on paid administrative leave. Since this matter has been turned over to the Pennsylvania State Police and the Westmoreland County District Attorney's Office, we cannot comment further on this situation at this time.

The safety and security of our students is our number one priority and we will continue to work cooperatively with the authorities until there is a resolution to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara J. Marin, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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