

PUBLIC STATEMENT

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Today the Kansas City Star published an article about an investigation involving students and staff at Horizons High School. The district is always limited by law on what can be shared related to personnel and student issues. The district investigates concerns brought by students and staff in accordance with Board of Education policies and procedures, and takes appropriate action based on the outcome of those investigations. The district's investigation was thorough and done in accordance with board policies.

The article included new information not previously reported. Given the new information contained in the article, and due to the now public nature of this issue, the district will secure a third party to conduct an independent and confidential investigation.

Because, per policy, complaint and personnel matters are strictly confidential, the Board of Education is unable to comment on this issue. Questions about this issue should be directed to chief communications officer David A. Smith at davidsmith@smsd.org.