



FENNVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

"Educational Excellence, Community Atmosphere, Global Vision"

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Dear Fennville Parents and Community Members,

At Fennville Public Schools, the safety and well-being of our students and staff remain one of our top priorities. A recent incident at Baseline Middle School in South Haven involved a substitute teacher making students uncomfortable with inappropriate comments. Though no physical harm occurred, the situation led to a police investigation and the substitute teacher's removal from all Public Schools in the area through their direct employer, EduStaff. In other words, the suspect will not be employed as a substitute in any school in the area.

Information about the incident was swiftly shared with surrounding schools, including Fennville, to ensure the safety of our students. Appropriate personnel were immediately informed, and the accused individual was promptly blocked from serving in any capacity in our schools. Although this individual had previously subbed on a few occasions, it was without issue. Unfortunately, there has been numerous false reports circulating these past two days and I wanted to assure each of you that we remain committed to taking necessary actions should the suspect or any suspicious persons be seen on campus. In addition, I want to assure you that law enforcement has confirmed that the suspect is not at large nor a threat to any school at this time.

Our administration, in collaboration with Deputy K, has been working diligently to refine and enhance our safety protocols, ensuring swift and appropriate responses to any potential danger. We will continue prioritizing open communication, student safety, and maintaining a secure environment for learning.

In national news, school safety continues to be a priority for schools everywhere. On September 4, in Georgia, a tragic school shooting claimed the lives of two students and two teachers, with others injured, highlighting the need for continued vigilance in school safety. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families affected by this heartbreaking event.

Thank you for your ongoing support as we cultivate academic excellence with a global perspective in a (safe) community atmosphere. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to call our office at 269-722-3350.

Warm regards,

Dr. Doug Greer
Superintendent