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Staff and School Families,

As always, student and staff safety remain our top priority in the Lawrence Public Schools. We are reaching out today to inform you of an investigation involving a Prairie Park Elementary support staff member.

The Lawrence Police Department recently notified us of serious allegations leading to the weekend arrest and an ongoing investigation into the conduct of this individual. The district immediately relieved the individual of all duties. School and district administration continue to work closely alongside our law enforcement partners to support their investigative efforts. We will keep staff and families informed as the investigation progresses.

District Crisis Support Team members are connecting in initial calls today with Prairie Park families whose students may have had direct contact with this staff member. **The Lawrence Police Department has established a phone number that they ask families to call to report any concerns. That number is 785-830-7430.**

Our continuing focus will be on ensuring ongoing support for our students, staff, and families as we work through this concerning situation.

Our district has the highest standards for our employees, who are entrusted to care for, educate, and support our community's children. When a safety concern is reported, our administrative team immediately investigates, including involving local law enforcement, as appropriate. Based on the findings of the investigation, we take decisive action in accordance with the law and Lawrence Board of Education Policy.

As personnel matters are confidential to protect the privacy rights of the individuals involved, we are unable to share additional information at this time.

Please continue to report any safety concerns you may have to your child's school and encourage your children to do the same. We have school mental health teams to support student and staff needs. If you think your child or family could benefit from visiting with a counselor, please reach out to your school.

We value our partnership with school families and maintaining open lines of communication between home and school as we continue to work together to ensure the safety and well-being of all students.

Sincerely,
Jeanice K. Swift
Interim Superintendent of Schools
Lawrence Public Schools