



Saturday, Apr 12

Dear Members of the School Community,

Some of you may have read in today's *Newsday* the article about a public hearing currently underway regarding serious allegations of misconduct brought against one of our elementary school principals. These allegations include inappropriate physical contact and the use of sexually charged language, which, if substantiated, represent behavior inconsistent with the professional and respectful environment we expect across our schools. **Please note that the none of the allegations involve students.**

While these types of proceedings are typically held in private to protect the confidentiality and dignity of all involved, in this case, the employee under investigation has exercised their right to a public hearing. As a result, you may see increased media attention as the hearings progress.

I want to take a moment to assure our community that the investigation and preparation for these proceedings have been underway since June of last year. Throughout this process, the District has remained focused on our primary purpose: ensuring a safe and supportive learning environment for all students and staff.

As the article stated, the District stands firmly behind the decision to bring these charges forward. We believe in a fair and thorough process and are hopeful for a resolution before the end of the school year.

In the meantime, we ask for your continued support as we maintain our focus on teaching, learning, and the well-being of our school community.

Sincerely,
Dr. Mary O'Meara
Superintendent of Schools