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To the Dover-Sherborn Community,

The District is aware of an email that was circulated yesterday relative to an ongoing case at the Middle School. It is important to know that some of the statements contained in the email are not factual and could be misleading.

The email refers to a matter that has been under investigation since last fall involving allegations of a few middle school students compiling digital photos of females we believe were taken from the internet. Some of the females are enrolled at our middle and high schools. The incident occurred off school grounds and outside of school hours. The District did notify the parents/guardians of students known to be involved and provided those families the option to file formal complaints. Throughout the investigation process, various accommodations have been made and support services offered to all of the students involved to promote their physical, emotional and social well-being.

The District cooperated with the Dover Police Department while they conducted their investigation. The Dover Police presented the case to the courts where it was dismissed by a judge.

Over the past several months, the District has been consulting with multiple experts, including behavioral health clinicians, legal counsel, and authorities on Civil Rights. The District engaged an independent investigator to ensure a thorough examination of possible Title IX, Bullying and/or Code of Conduct violations; he is in the process of completing this investigation.

The Dover Sherborn Schools share in the mission to inspire, challenge and support all students as they discover and pursue their full potential.

We take very seriously our responsibility to protect the safety and due process rights of every student in our schools. District officials have taken appropriate action throughout this process to adhere to federal, state and district policies and protocols and will continue to do so.

The District remains committed to supporting the students and families directly involved in this case. In order to protect their privacy and confidentiality, we cannot provide any additional details publicly about this matter.

If you have information that you believe is relevant to the investigation, please contact the District's Central Office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifton", written in a cursive style.

Superintendent