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**Judy Hackett, Ed.D**  
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**Tim Thomas, Ed.D**  
Interim Superintendent

February 9, 2026

Dear SEDOL Community:

We are contacting you to address a recent development within our District involving a SEDOL staff member. Late on February 7th, 2025, SEDOL learned of the arrest of Dominique Servant, a paraprofessional who has worked at Fairhaven School since October 2023.

The Lake County Major Crime Task Force released a statement on Sunday, February 8th detailing the charges against Ms. Servant, which can be viewed by [clicking here](#).

SEDOL fully acknowledges the significance of these charges and will act in accordance with its obligations under the law. As part of our hiring process we conduct criminal background checks of all employees. During Ms. Servant's employment at SEDOL she has performed her duties as assigned satisfactorily without any concerns noted.

We are all truly saddened by this tragedy and extend our deepest sympathies to those affected in our community. SEDOL remains fully committed to providing every student with a trusted and safe learning environment. The health and safety of all SEDOL students remain our highest priorities. We appreciate your understanding as we continue to navigate this matter.

The press release that SEDOL has issued can be viewed [here](#).

If you have any additional questions or concerns regarding this situation, please contact Dr. Tim Thomas ([tthomas@sedol.us](mailto:tthomas@sedol.us)) or Dr. Judy Hackett ([jhackett@sedol.us](mailto:jhackett@sedol.us)), co-interim superintendents.

Sincerely,

Co-Interim SEDOL Superintendents

Dr. Tim Thomas and Dr. Judy Hackett