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Dear Orrick R-XI School District Families,

We are writing to share information about an important new initiative that Orrick R-XI school district has been participating in to help the State of Missouri's Department of Public Safety to gather data as part of Governor Kehoe's initiative to make Missouri safe from drug use. The State of Missouri invited all school districts in the State of Missouri to volunteer for their new wastewater drug testing program. Orrick R-XI School District chose to participate in this program designed to monitor the trends of substance use within Missouri communities. This program analyzes wastewater samples to detect the presence of certain substances, allowing health officials and school districts to better understand patterns and respond proactively with education, prevention, and support resources. The district has been notified that substances, including Nitazine, have been detected in our wastewater as a result of this testing. The testing does not identify individuals. The data collected is anonymous and used only to provide a broad picture of community trends. The results of the testing only come from wastewater, so there are currently no concerns that the drinking water within the school has been tainted with any substances. The goal of this initiative is to help schools and families stay informed and better equipped to support our students.

The Orrick R-XI School district is proactively preparing our staff and students to be better informed and safe. We are doing the following:

- Orrick R-XI School District will be participating in a \$20,000 a year grant over the next 2 years to work with Ray County and local police in providing resources, education, and training to students and staff about the dangers associated with drug use.
- Staff has received, and will continue to receive, training on how to administer NARCAN. NARCAN is a life-saving medicine that is administered to an individual that has overdosed.
- NARCAN is being provided in each emergency bag within each classroom.

We look forward to continued partnership with the community to provide the best, safest educational experiences possible for our students.