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Good afternoon East Aurora SD131 Parents and Community,

In an effort to maintain clear communication and transparency, I would like to address last Thursday's incident at Waldo Middle School. The unrest on social media and presence on other media outlets necessitates a clear explanation to our dedicated District 131 community. When the reputation of our district and our hardworking staff is threatened with false information and inflammatory statements, the integrity of all is threatened as well.

We want to confirm that the incident last Thursday did not involve any District 131 employees. The tutor in question was an employee of Elevate K12, a virtual tutoring platform utilized to support students in interventions. Internal investigations by Elevate K12, District 131, and the Aurora Police Department all align to the facts of this incident.

Contrary to comments and rumors on social media accounts and a local online outlet—there was absolutely no inappropriate video viewed by any student, Elevate staff, or District employee. In fact, on Thursday, the class lost video connection due to technology issues at 11:09AM and per our computer records all except 3 students were completely logged off- including the student recently on social media alleging otherwise. At 11:20AM, one of the three students shared with the teacher and class that they heard disturbing noises. The classroom teacher then messaged the tutor and had the last 3 students log out. The company quality control academic coach and class coach who were both logged on the system as well, noted noises that could be mistaken for sexual activity from what sounded like a TV. Elevate K12 followed up after interviewing the tutor and reported the sound was in fact playing from a television. All log-in information from the electronic system as well as the student statements taken by the school administration on Thursday immediately after class and Friday- align to these facts. All student written statements, including statements from 2 students now giving different accounts on social media, were signed saying that they heard noises. Not one student, who was logged onto the platform, reported seeing video or images of any kind.

We want to emphasize the seriousness with which we take the well-being and safety of our East Aurora students. The leadership team at Waldo and at the district level will continue to provide support and guidance for our students throughout this process. We are all advocates for our students, our EA families and our district faculty and staff. To advocate with fidelity, we must operate in facts.

We will continue to work with the Aurora Police to communicate with transparency the details and evidence of the situation from last week.

Thank you for remaining a partner and supporter of EA 131!

Dr. Jennifer Norrell
Superintendent of Schools

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