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Letter to Families:

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On April 1, 2019 we were notified by authorities that a Colchester School District paraprofessional employed at Union Memorial School has been charged with possession of child pornography. We want to emphasize that at this time, law enforcement has no evidence of any misconduct by this employee on school grounds or with any children in the Colchester School District. Superintendent Minor and Principal Antonicci have spoken directly with the parents of students in the classroom where this paraprofessional was assigned.

Since this is a personnel matter, we cannot discuss the specifics of any actions we intend to take or provide information about the employee. Personnel matters are confidential. Generally, where we learn of allegations of sexual misconduct by an employee, we place that employee on administrative leave until we have completed our investigation. During that time, the employee is not permitted to return to school or have contact with our staff or students. If the charges of serious misconduct against the employee are substantiated, we take disciplinary action, usually termination.

We will continue to work closely with law enforcement to maintain a safe teaching and learning environment for the students we serve. If you believe you have any information about this investigation, please contact the Chittenden Unit for Special Investigations at (802) 658-6800.

Beyond this investigation, if you are ever aware of any information about employee misconduct, please contact the Superintendent's Office. We will act on the information. The safety of our students and staff are our highest priority and we are committed to taking all necessary actions to protect them. As always, if your student needs support, please contact a building administrator or the student's guidance counselor.

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