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Dear Parents/Guardians,

In an effort to keep you informed of the happenings in and around the district, I am writing to inform you of a situation involving two Van Dyke Public Schools personnel that has recently received media attention.

As you may have read in the local paper or seen on television, a staff member at the Max Thompson Community Center is currently completing a 30-day jail sentence. The sentence is due to a non-felony related situation involving another staff member at the center, which occurred off campus. This staff member was granted a work-release program per the court system and this past week resumed teaching at the Thompson Center.

Whereas, Van Dyke Public Schools does not publicly discuss employee issues, the district has investigated the situation between the two individuals, took action and continues to monitor the situation to ensure a quality learning and working environment for all students and staff.

The district has been working with its attorney and has done everything in accordance with the Michigan Department of Education guidelines in regards to state law.

Please know that this is an isolated issue between two adult co-workers and is in no way impacting classroom instruction.

If you should have any questions or concerns regarding this situation, please do not hesitate to bring them to my attention.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy mid-winter break.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Spaulding
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