

MASON CITY COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Administration Building, 1515 South Pennsylvania, Mason City, Iowa 50401-6053
641-421-4401

Dave Versteeg
Superintendent of Schools

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 23, 2018

CONTACT: Sue Deike, Community Relations and Communications

The District has been made aware of a lawsuit filed by former District employee Jodie Anderson where she is pursuing employment claims against the District. Based on the District's understanding of the contents of the lawsuit, it strongly denies Ms. Anderson's allegations and would like to provide the following factual clarifications:

- Ms. Anderson received over \$7,500 in excess compensation during her employment not approved by the School Board while working under former superintendent Dr. Anita Micich – a fact that was confirmed by a reaudit performed by the State Auditor's Office.
- Ms. Anderson voluntarily resigned from her employment with the District, despite multiple attempts to convince her to stay with the District after her notice of resignation. Following her resignation and well before her replacement was hired, Ms. Anderson offered and contracted with the District, on her terms, to serve as a human resources consultant.
- Ms. Anderson's replacement, Tom Drzycimski, served as the chief administrative officer for Cerro Gordo County for more than 20 years where he was responsible for managing personnel and human resources matters. Mr. Drzycimski had significantly more public sector human resources experience than Ms. Anderson, who had no public sector human resources experience prior to her employment with the District.

The District is fully confident in its position and that its actions will be vindicated by a court of law.

For further information or questions, please contact the Office of the Superintendent, Community Relations and Communications at 641-421-4401 or email sdeike@masoncityschools.org.

"Providing quality education for ALL in a caring and responsive environment."