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VCSC Family Letter

The following correspondence was sent to families this evening.

Dear Vigo County School Corporation Families,

I would like to provide an update regarding recent allegations of racial harassment concerning student behavior at West Vigo High School.

In early November, Vigo County Schools was made aware of a student transferring from West Vigo High School because of claims of racial harassment. Upon learning of these allegations, we immediately launched an internal investigation. Soon thereafter, a second student notified the district that they wanted to transfer out of West Vigo due to claims of racial harassment. After a second student came forward and following a school-level investigation, the Vigo County School Corporation brought in outside investigators to conduct a comprehensive, school-wide investigation into the multiple claims.

As this investigation has progressed over the past two weeks, more than 30 students, teachers, coaches and faculty have been interviewed to share information regarding these allegations. Additionally, parents of students involved in the allegations have provided information and spoken directly with the outside investigators and/or school administrators in coordination with the outside investigators. Investigators are expected to conclude their activity in the coming days with the delivery of a report to the superintendent and board of school trustees to review and appropriately address any issues that are uncovered.

The Vigo County School Corporation strongly condemns any racial harassment, bullying, or discrimination and has multiple policies in place that prohibit this behavior. It is our top priority to create a safe and peaceful learning environment for all

students, and any conduct in violation of this goal will not be tolerated. We stress to all members of our community that if your student hears or sees concerning behavior, please encourage them to report the incident by filling out a [Bullying Incident Report Form](#) or by notifying a teacher or staff member. Thank you for your commitment to help maintain a welcoming space for all students to learn and grow.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Haworth

Superintendent

Vigo County School Corporation

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The Vigo County School Corporation will equip students with lifelong learning skills and prepare them to be productive and responsible citizens. We educate our community through 15 elementary schools, five middle schools, three traditional high schools, an alternative school, a virtual school, and robust adult, Pre-K, and special education programs. The Vigo County School Corporation is proud to be Vigo County's second-largest employer. Discover more at www.vigoschools.org.