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Dear Families and Staff,

I am writing to acknowledge two recent developments affecting our school community and to provide reassurance about our plans to maintain a consistent learning environment for our students.

First, we recognize that the recent arrest of Union Grove Union High School District Administrator Thomas Johnson has raised concerns throughout our community. While the Union Grove Elementary School District and the Union Grove Union High School District are separate entities, we understand that our families and communities are closely connected.

We recognize that this situation may be troubling for students, families and staff, and we encourage anyone who needs additional support to reach out to our school counseling team.

Additionally, I want to inform you that one of our 7/8th grade teachers has retired, effective immediately. We have developed a short-term staffing plan to ensure that students continue receiving instruction while we begin the process of recruiting a permanent replacement. Our immediate priority is to provide stability and consistency for our students, maintaining their regular schedules, classroom routines, and academic progress.

Please know that learning will continue uninterrupted, and we are committed to ensuring a smooth transition for the students affected by this staffing change.

We understand that recent events may raise questions or concerns. Throughout this time, our focus remains on the safety, wellbeing, and education of our students.

Thank you for your continued trust, patience, and support of our school community.

Sincerely,

Amber Torres
Superintendent