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Subject: Fw: A Message To Parents of the PSB

I wanted you to be aware of the message we are sending to parents and staff soon.

I hope my heart can hold up to get me through this.

Tracy

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The following is being sent on behalf of Director Beaulieu.

To all families attending schools in the Public Schools Branch,

The content below may be sensitive in nature and could be difficult for some to read.

Like you, we are deeply upset and concerned about the information that has come out through the legal process involving former substitute teacher, Matthew Craswell. Through the court proceedings, we are learning the whole truth about his horrible actions.

Over the past few days, many parents and guardians of students attending PSB schools have rightly reached out with concerns. We all have every right to be disturbed and heartbroken. Our commitment to you is to ensure our processes are improved to keep your children safe, and to maintain open and transparent communication.

To deter any further speculation, we want to provide you with the Public Schools Branch's understanding of the situation.

Craswell was hired as a substitute teacher and worked on and off, primarily in high schools, until the end of the 2023-24 school year. A vulnerable sector check was undertaken before Craswell started teaching, which was passed. All substitute teachers are required to complete vulnerable sector checks every two years. When he was arrested on August 9, he was suspended from teaching at all schools in the province.

During the time he was a substitute teacher on PEI, there are two known incidents of inappropriate touching. These incidents were reported by different elementary schools about eight months apart (June 2023 and April 2024) and occurred during classroom games. The students involved reported Craswell touching them on their arms and stomach. Following the investigations, and based on the information available at that time, these incidents were believed to be non-sexual in nature. The substitute was nonetheless restricted to teaching at the high school level, which aligned with his