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Dear Gaston School District Families,

I am writing today to let you know about a situation involving alleged misconduct of a staff member at the JSHS. Immediately upon learning of the allegations on Friday, February 7, we placed the staff member on administrative leave and ensured this person would not be on campus during the course of the investigation. Additionally, we reported the incident to both the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) and law enforcement.

I am sure you have many questions; however, we are limited in our ability to share additional information at this time. I assure you that once the legal process is complete, we will follow all state laws, district policies, and the collective bargaining agreement for the next steps. We will keep you informed to the extent possible as the situation continues.

Thank you for your understanding and ongoing partnership to ensure our classrooms are safe spaces where students can focus on learning and growing.

Respectfully,

Summer Catino Superintendent