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Dear Gaston School District Families:

I am writing to you today as a follow-up to my February 19th letter regarding a staff member of the high school being placed on leave due to allegations of misconduct. Following comprehensive investigations conducted by Washington County law enforcement, the Oregon Department of Human Services, and an independent third-party investigator retained by the school district, it has been determined that the allegations are unfounded. As a result, the staff member will be returning to work effective immediately.

This process has taken longer than anticipated. Due to the nature of the situation, a thorough and deliberate process was essential. Additionally, timelines set by external agencies were outside of the district's control. We recognize how challenging this situation has been for our students, families, and staff. With these matters now behind us, we are focused on moving forward and finishing the school year in a positive and productive way.

I understand that you may have questions, but since this was a personnel matter and was determined to be without merit, the district will not be providing further comment.

Thank you for your partnership and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for everyone in our schools.

Respectfully,

Summer Catino
Superintendent