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District statement regarding principal arrest

This morning district administration was informed that the Carver County Sheriff's Office, in coordination with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, arrested Tim Dorway, Chanhassen High School principal. The reason for his arrest was suspicion of possession of child pornography. This is an ongoing investigation and we expect more information will be available in a day or two. The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension informed district officials that no district students are connected to the investigation.

Mr. Dorway is on leave. The school district has a separate investigation process that needs to be followed regarding Mr. Dorway's employment. That process has started, and it takes time to complete.

"This is a difficult day for our students, parents and community," said Superintendent Jim Bauck. "There are questions that we want answers to and we're working with the BCA as they conduct an investigation to find those answers. Chanhassen High School staff today was focused on their students and on dealing with this unfortunate news. We will need our community's support of our students in the days ahead," Bauck said.

The following message was emailed to all Chanhassen High School families today:

Today we received some very bad news. Our district administration was informed this morning that Carver County Sheriff's Office arrested Tim Dorway, the school's principal. The reason for his arrest was probable cause for possession of child pornography. This is an ongoing investigation and we expect more information will be available in a day or two. Law enforcement have informed us that no district students are involved.

Mr. Dorway is on administrative leave. The school district has a separate investigation process that needs to be followed to determine Mr. Dorway's status as a district employee. That process has started, and it takes time to complete. We will be cooperating with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension on its investigation.

This news is a shock to the school and to our district. One of the most difficult things about these situations is that information is very limited. There is nothing more that can be shared at this time. More information will likely come out through the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension.

We have advised Chanhassen students not to share anything on social media. Mr. Dorway has family in this school district who have nothing to do with these allegations. We asked students to keep those individuals in their thoughts and not post anything online or share rumors they may hear.

Chanhassen High School has built a reputation for excellence and we will continue to focus on our students' success. This will be a difficult time, and we will get through it. Our work on this situation is only beginning. Today, Chanhassen High School staff was focused on their students and on dealing with this unfortunate news. We will need your support of our students and staff in the days ahead.

*Thank you.
Jim Bauck
Superintendent*

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