



ROMEO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Employees:

I am writing today with an update to the October 12, 2016, letter that was sent to Romeo High School parents and staff. The letter notified them that on October 11, it was brought to the attention of Romeo Community Schools that an employee of a third party contractor had been involved in an inappropriate text- and internet-messaging exchange with at least two students attending Romeo High School.

A concerned adult became alerted to the messaging activity and brought the information to the School District. Upon receiving the information, the School District contacted law enforcement as well as the individual's employer. In addition, the individual has been barred from school property and school related events and was also instructed not to be in contact with staff or students of Romeo Community Schools. In cases such as this, the most appropriate procedure to follow is to refer the matter to the authorities for a full investigation and to cooperate with them.

We have learned today, through the media, that the individual involved is facing criminal charges. This situation remains a matter for the authorities, and thus we will not be speculating on the process or outcomes. Questions pertaining to this phase of the matter are properly referred to the appropriate authorities.

The safety and support of our students, staff and families is our top priority. This matter underscores the importance that we, as educators and parents, continue to be vigilant regarding our children's social media activity, particularly when it pertains to their communications with adults.

If you have questions regarding how this might impact your student, please contact me at 586-752-0225.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Whitney
Superintendent