



# FOREST PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents,

In mid- March, I informed you that recent public allegations about an alleged bus incident were being investigated by the District in consultation with law enforcement. Our investigation is conducted in the normal course of our responsibility to maintain the safety and security of our students at school and as part of our transportation program.

The District has received and is reviewing information from multiple bus drivers and students who were in a position to observe what happened that day. After consulting with law enforcement, we will make a final determination based on a preponderance of the evidence. We will review the facts and circumstances and work with our very competent transportation staff to ensure student safety at all times.

In fairness to the student, parents and staff involved, I continue to ask that you work with your students to avoid unfair speculation and rumors about what may or may not have occurred.

Please understand that state and federal law prevent our district from revealing the details of this incident. Our investigative, disciplinary and student records are protected from disclosure, for the benefit of our students. What I can assure you is that we are careful to involve the adults and students who were in a position at the time to observe the relevant events, in assessing what happened. I also assure you that if we find that there was a violation of Board Policy, we will take appropriate corrective action.

Our District's ability to protect our students is enhanced when we cooperatively partner with our parents and school community. On a daily basis, our dedicated teaching and support staff are here to work with you to ensure your child's safety and well-being so that all students can learn.

I appreciate your constant support and understanding, so that we are not distracted by this atypical incident, but concentrate every day on providing an excellent learning environment for every student. If you have any questions or concerns, please call me.

Thank You,

Becky Waters



~Good isn't good enough, if better is expected, and the best is possible.