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From: Dallas Saunders, Principal, Doug McGlynn, Superintendent

Date: January 9, 2020

Subject: Summary of events

This letter is to serve as a summary of events that took place on January 9, 2020.

On the morning of January 9, 2020 Middle School Principal Mike Sauner entered the men's staff restroom in the middle school hallway and noticed the powerful smell of marijuana. At this time Mr. Sauner contacted School Resource Officer Deputy Gensler and he confirmed the clear odor of marijuana. I (High School Principal Dallas Saunders) was called to the middle school hallway by Deputy Gensler and Mr. Sauner. I was asked to enter the men's staff bathroom and identify what I smelled. Upon entering the restroom I clearly smelled the odor of marijuana. At this point we all entered Deputy Gensler's office and reviewed the camera to identify who had used the restrooms previously. We also called Mr. McGlynn to come and review the film with us. Mr. Sauner went and spoke with a few teachers and noticed the odor of marijuana on Mr. Hake. Through careful review of the film we noticed that Mr. Hake was the last person to use the men's staff restroom.

The film confirmed that approximately two minutes after the bell rang to start second period, Mr. Hake entered the men's staff restroom for a brief moment. When Mr. Hake exited the restroom he proceeded to his classroom (approximately 30 feet) to teach and supervise students.

Once we identified that Mr. Hake was indeed the last person to use the restroom and the fact that Mr. Sauner did detect the odor of marijuana on Mr. Hake, Mr. McGlynn removed Mr. Hake from class with Mr. Sauner supervising the class.

Mr. McGlynn spoke with Mr. Hake privately in the conference room of our main office. Upon the return of Mr. McGlynn to the SRO's office he stated that Mr. Hake admitted to having and using a Vape pen. There was a question asked to Deputy Gensler about the difference between a Vape pen and a pen that provide THC or marijuana (Dab Pen). It was not clear what type of pen Mr. Hake was in possession of (a Vape pen or a dab pen). So, Mr. McGlynn went to Mr. Hake's room to get the suspected pen. Mr. Sauner went to the classroom to supervise the students.

Mr. Hake and Mr. McGlynn came back to the school resource officer's room and upon Mr. Hake's entry he put a device on Deputy Gensler's desk with a glass container that contained some sort of tan substance. Mr. Hake stated that he had a Vape pen and THC on him that "he screwed up". At this point he admitted multiple times and "he was sorry", "he was wrong", "he

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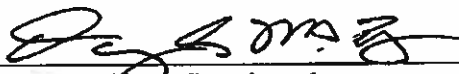
knew he shouldn't have marijuana on him". He continued to ask if "there was anything we could do"? "Not fire him".

Mr. McGlynn immediately removed him from the school and relieved him of his duties for the day. He was not allowed to drive home because of his admittance to using marijuana. Mr. McGlynn took him home.

At this time Mr. Hake is on indefinite paid administrative leave, pending an investigation.


Dallas Saunders, Principal

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