May 13, 2025

Dear Shawnee Public Schools Families,

We are committed to keeping you informed and maintaining transparency in all matters that impact our school community.

On Friday, May 9, 2025, two students at Shawnee High School reported allegations of inappropriate behavior involving another student. In accordance with Shawnee Public Schools' (SPS) policies and protocol, the student in question was immediately removed from school while the matter was thoroughly investigated.

District officials promptly notified the Shawnee Police Department, which began an independent investigation, including interviews of students in the classroom. At the same time, Shawnee Public Schools began its own internal review. While a separate Title IX investigation is ongoing, both the District's findings and those of the police show no evidence of wrongdoing or criminal activity.

There is nothing more important to us than the safety and well-being of our students, and Shawnee Public Schools takes all allegations of inappropriate behavior extremely seriously. We investigate each report thoroughly, following a consistent process that engages the appropriate authorities and follows all safety and reporting procedures without exception. The District has, and always will, provide supportive measures to the students involved per policy.

While we understand that situations like this can be challenging, it is important to move forward with a shared commitment to the process and mutual respect for each other. SPS appreciates your continued trust and support as we work to provide a safe and respectful learning environment for all students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the school administration.