



WALL TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
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Dr. Tracy Handerhan
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Dear WTPS Community:

At this point, I am able to provide the school community with an update. On Monday, July 1, 2024, a community member shared with District administration that there were rumors circulating regarding a faculty member. As per our protocol, that same day, District administration contacted the Wall Township Police and the Institutional Abuse Investigative Unit (IAIU) to convey the reported information. On July 3, the District received Ms. Rizzitello's resignation which was effective immediately. That evening, the District was made aware of the criminal charges. On July 4, I notified parents and staff of this shortly after this information was made public. As indicated in Thursday's communication from me, this school district and the Board of Education are working closely with law enforcement agencies.

As you are aware, this is an ongoing investigation and as such, I am not able to provide additional information at this time. As a reminder, if you have any information that may relate to this ongoing investigation, please contact MCPO Detective Jose Rodriguez at 800-533-7443 or Wall Township Police Department Detective Devin Corso at 732-449-4500.

The health and safety of our school community is extremely important to this administration and the Board of Education; there is no greater priority. I would like to take this opportunity to stress how important it is, in general, to report any information that may jeopardize an individual's safety and well-being to proper authorities. If you see or hear something, say something. Matters can only be investigated if they are brought forth to school/district officials and/or other appropriate agencies.

Sincerely,

Tracy Handerhan
Superintendent of Schools