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I hope to accomplish three things with this message. The first is to express my apologies to the families involved in the case against our former employee. His actions are inexcusable. I regret sincerely that these students were subjected to them. TSSD will maintain contact with them long after this passes and offer any service or resource to which we have access. There is no deadline to that offer. We will offer help as long as it is desired. We are profoundly sad and deeply sorry that this happened.

The second thing is to bring some light. Be it from all of us who work in TSSD or the outside community and district as a whole, there had been no tips, no concerns shared, no red flags as to behavior, nothing to indicate that this was happening. We learned of it when you did on June 17th. We have since taken all of the steps required of us by the State Board of Education and the Department of Education. He will not teach again- anywhere.

Thirdly, in the comments section of the arrest post, a false narrative was created. Allow me to address that. From time to time, we receive formal requests to look into something involving a student or teacher. When that happens we conduct a formal investigation. TSSD has two Title IX investigators who have been trained to handle these. During my 5 years in the Director's chair, every investigation conducted by us was formally requested, conducted by our investigators, and brought to a conclusion. Every.Single.One. We do not publicly announce the initiation of investigations nor do we announce the results in the media and certainly not on social media. Therefore, you end up with people online opining that nothing was done. They have no knowledge of the actual facts. They don't know what they don't know. So, they take pieces of what they have been told, or things they have heard or seen, and they assert it as fact, as evidence. We will not engage those people online. There are some really fine people at Peabody who are guilty of nothing but are being painted by some with the same brush as the person charged. That's unfair. It is also unacceptable. The TPD graciously followed up with a post asking anyone with evidence to come forward. To my knowledge, no one has.

In closing, any formal conversation about this matter will be held with me and will be held in person or it will not occur. This is where that buck stops. We had a bad actor. His betrayal of trust is being dealt with well by the authorities and I am doing our part to see that he never teaches again. We are genuinely distraught with this and are very sorry these good families are going through it. But, any assertions that we do not care or that we don't do our due diligence when called upon are demonstrably untrue.

We are suffering the pains of this along with the families and will work every day to recover. TSSD is a great school district and Peabody is a great school. Please defend her!