Earlier this year the District was made aware of student-to-student misconduct that occurred at school and a related criminal investigation. The District actively cooperated with law enforcement throughout the criminal investigation. The District also conducted its own thorough investigation as required by federal law. Throughout the investigation, the District followed appropriate procedures to ensure that all decisions were based on accurate information and with due regard to the privacy rights and protection of all those involved.

The Title IX sexual harassment regulations that became effective in August 2020 require that schools undertake a lengthy and burdensome process to investigate allegations of sexual harassment. District staff responded appropriately in this situation and consistent with all state and federal law, including Title IX and Michigan's Child Protection Law. The District has taken steps to address the student misconduct and the related staff misconduct. Because the investigation involved students, the District cannot comment on the specifics as it would violate both state and federal privacy laws.

The District's top priority is to ensure that students are able to learn in a safe environment. We will continue to work with our law enforcement partners and parents and students to ensure that allegations of harassment are promptly and appropriately addressed.