October 15, 2019

Dear WHRHS Learning Community,

The Watchung Hills Regional High School District administration was informed by local law enforcement that a teacher employed by the Board was arrested and charged with endangering the welfare of a child and promoting obscene material. While the employee is presumed innocent until or unless proven guilty, we have nevertheless suspended him from all of his employment in the District until the matter is fully resolved. Lastly, it is important to know that all Watchung Hills Regional High School District employees and coaches undergo a criminal history background check before they commence employment in the District. Only those clearing the screen are considered for employment in the District. There was no disqualifying or other offense on the employee’s record when he commenced employment in the District or any time thereafter until now. The safety and security of our students has been, and will remain, our school’s most important job. I will keep you apprised if I receive any further pertinent information that I am able to disclose. In the meantime, any questions surrounding this investigation should be directed to the Somerset County Prosecutor’s Office.

Regards,

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Superintendent