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Press release from Bethel Local Schools

April 16, 2021

The Bethel Local School District took immediate and decisive action on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:00am, upon notification from a concerned citizen, to contact law enforcement to open an investigation due to a complaint made to school officials of potential misconduct of a Bethel Local Schools employee. Upon district review, Mr. Bryan Perez, Technology Director, was placed on non-disciplinary administrative leave while the complaint is being reviewed and investigated by local law enforcement. It is our understanding that none of the allegations or concerns made against Mr. Perez involve any students attending Bethel Local Schools.

The safety of our students and staff remains a top priority and it is our policy to place the employee in question on administrative leave pending the results of the investigation.

School staff have been notified about this incident and assured that the District takes any allegations of misconduct seriously. The District has taken necessary steps to ensure that student learning continues in a safe environment and has assigned a qualified employee as replacement for the employee in question until further notice.

District staff and security officials are cooperating and working closely with the Miami County Sheriff's Department in this matter. The District cannot discuss confidential personnel matters during this review and investigation of the employee.

Sincerely,

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