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PRESS RELEASE

To: Jefferson R-VII School District
FROM: Clint D. Johnston, Superintendent of Schools
DATE: August 30, 2021
RE: Statement from District Administration

Last Monday, the District was contacted by multiple parents and community members regarding a social media post alleging that a student was asked not to wear a shirt with a representation of the American flag. A thorough investigation of this claim was made by District Administration, and absolutely no evidence was found to support the allegation. As a result, no District staff member or administrator was subject to discipline in relation to the allegation. The District's dress code policy is reviewed annually, with students and parents being provided relevant information. No prohibition exists in the dress code as to patriotic clothing or symbols, and the Jefferson R-VII School District is very proud of its patriotic tradition. The District Board of Education and its administrators fully support the rights and freedoms provided to our citizens by the Constitution of the United States and protected by our service members around the world.

The District encourages its parents, patrons and students to follow Board Policy KL (Public Concerns and Complaints) regarding public grievances. Concerns and complaints should first be addressed to the employee directly involved. This process offers for the gathering of information regarding the concern and/or the complaint.

Moving forward, the Jefferson R-VII School District anticipates a great 2021-2022 school year and values the opportunity to partner with all students, parents and community to provide the best possible learning environment.