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STATEMENT FROM SUPERINTENDENT RICH ARKANOFF

We have enjoyed a great working relationship with the Johnson County Prosecutor's Office and the Juvenile Detention Center. We will work to make sure that great relationship continues.

Two main issues are in question. The first issue is whether school administrators should be allowed to interview students without parents present regarding a situation that may or may not lead to criminal charges. The U.S. Supreme Court has affirmed law that allows schools to act in loco parentis, meaning parents do not have to be present in order for students to be interviewed. I can assure you the Center Grove Police Department and Center Grove High School administrators followed all applicable laws, policies, and procedures during the investigation of this case.

The second issue relates to the mental state of students who are being interviewed. Schools cannot reveal specific information relating to any students due to the Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA). As you know, FERPA deems all information related to educational records, including discipline records, as confidential.

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