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Good evening, Sheriff Chapman,

Please see the attached letter.

Best,

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Sheriff Mike Chapman,

We are committed to providing our community with good, solid information as we work to provide all students with a safe learning environment.

With that in mind, we are writing to address what may be inaccurate information that was shared at the Board of Supervisors meeting on November 3, and reported in the media last evening.

Per the Code of Virginia, local law-enforcement authorities shall report, and the principal or his designee and the division superintendent shall receive such reports, on offenses, wherever committed, by students enrolled at the school if the offense would be a felony if committed by an adult.

During the quarterly crime update to the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors on November 3, Col. Mark J. Poland of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office suggested that your offices notified the Loudoun County Public Schools of charges in the Stone Bridge High School sexual assault case. The question-and-answer with the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff's Office went as follows:
Dulles District Supervisor Matthew Letourneau asked Col. Poland of the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office: "I'm just gonna ask, straight up, could you tell us if the Sheriff's Office did, in fact, notify Loudoun County Public Schools when the individual was charged?"

Col. Poland answered: "To answer your question, they were notified. They were absolutely notified."

At this point, LCPS cannot confirm that we have received the required notification of charges from the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office regarding this case.

We request that LCSO forward a copy of the notification of charges, the date it was sent, and to whom it was addressed, directly to the superintendent and principal of Stone Bridge High School, as required by the Code of Virginia. Moving forward, we need a clear understanding of who in the Loudoun County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for communicating this required information with the superintendent and building principal.

We believe our partnership with LCSO is critical in ensuring a safe environment in our schools and overall community.

Best,


Dr. Scott A. Ziegler
Superintendent

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