

Superintendent Communiqué



Midland Public Schools
Inspiring Excellence

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MPS INCLUSION & DIVERSITY VISION STATEMENT

Everyone in our school community is valued, safe, treated with kindness and respect, and works together to make our community and world a better place.

SPECIAL EDITION COMMUNIQUE

July 18, 2019

District Statement

The Midland Public Schools Board of Education met in closed session on July 15, 2019, to discuss a draft Settlement Agreement with a student's parents that would resolve a dispute arising out of an issue with a staff member's search of a student's property. Neither students nor staff were placed in physical danger by the property or the search.

"Searches of student property by school officials – whether it's a locker, a backpack or a cell phone – are allowed under certain circumstances and subject to a certain limitations. In the course of our investigation of this matter, we discovered that a search of a student's property exceeded what is allowed under the law. The Board stepped up and took responsibility for this mistake," said Superintendent Michael Sharrow.

Following the closed session, the Board approved the draft Settlement Agreement and authorized the Superintendent to execute the terms of the Agreement. The Board determined that the Settlement Agreement is in the best interests of the District and will allow all parties to move forward.

The District's top priority is to ensure that students are able to learn in a safe and stable environment. We remain committed to safeguarding, nurturing, and educating students. The District also has policies to establish legally compliant investigation and corrective action practices.

We appreciate the trust and confidence that our families place in Midland Public Schools and we will continue to work to maintain that trust.



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