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Dear Oakville Community:

The Oakville School Board of Directors has asked me to provide a bit more detail with regards to the recent media posts about our financial discoveries beyond what has been posted on our website since late December.

While there is still an investigation going on, we cannot provide the public with specifics around the situation, we can provide you with a few pieces:

- The investigation goes back prior to the 2017-18 school year to 2012.
- The investigation is currently in the hands of the State Auditor's Office (SAO). When the SAO finishes its report it will be then handed off to the Gray's Harbor Sherriff and the District's Insurance provider, Clear Risk Solutions, where we have already made a claim.
- These allegations came to light because our new Business Manager, Tanya Bunting, and myself, made it a point in entering our new district positions to examine every aspect of our financial situation.
- In the process of this examination, we discovered many financial systems that had no checks and balances, and instantly made those adjustments, and have new procedures in place to eliminate the possibilities of any future financial mismanagement.
- Unfortunately, we found past practice to be inadequate and the information provided to our community, board, and staff to be incorrect and/or inadequate.
- Because of this, we were obligated to bring in the State Auditor's Office when we found potential for misappropriations of District funds.
- Because of the complexities of the misappropriations of funds, this process can take time (years, even). A similar case in the Lake Quinault School District just wrapped up after 3 years.

Going forward

- The District has a new Superintendent and Business Manager committed to setting us on a solid financial footing.
- The current District balances are on a forward trajectory for the first time in nearly two years.
- The District is insured for these situations.
- The Board and the District are committed to raising standards and being good stewards of the public's fund, the Oakville Community has entrusted us to manage.

Please contact the District if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Rich Staley
Superintendent, Oakville School District

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