



# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Official Statement

February 21, 2024

**Update #3 at 4:00 p.m., February 26, 2024**

Dear Smyrna School District Community,

I come to you today compelled to address the recent developments surrounding the investigation into allegations of possible professional misconduct by employees at Smyrna Elementary School.

First and foremost, I want to express my deepest concern and empathy for the impacted students and family members. I can assure you that we take this matter very seriously and are doing everything we can to protect the children in our care. We continue to work with law enforcement to investigate the situation fully and fairly.

Our commitment to the Smyrna School District Community is to ensure a safe and secure learning environment. The thought that we may have failed to live up to this responsibility deeply troubles me.

I humbly ask for your patience and support as we navigate through this process. Rest assured, every action taken is guided by transparency, accountability, and above all, the well-being of our students.

With sincere gratitude for your understanding and support,

Susan P. Brown, Ed. D., CSBA

Superintendent

***Previous updates below.***

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***Update #2 at 5:30 p.m.:***

*Earlier today, the school district issued a statement regarding a personnel matter relating to a specific classroom at Smyrna Elementary School. While I cannot go into detail, due to the ongoing investigation, I can assure you that the professional misconduct being investigated is not sexual in nature. District staff were at the school to support students, employees, and affected parents. It is understandable that questions remain regarding this active investigation. We will continue to update parents and guardians as soon as more information is available.*

***Update #1 at 12:00 p.m.:***

*A report was made to the Smyrna School District on February 16, 2024, alleging possible professional misconduct in a classroom at Smyrna Elementary School. As part of our multi-faceted approach to keep our students safe, we have taken all precautions, including contacting law enforcement and providing alternative staff to instruct students. The investigation is active and on-going.*

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