



Hopatcong Borough Schools
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Dear Members of the Hopatcong School Community,

Last evening a staff member at Hopatcong High School was arrested and charged with a serious crime at his home in Rockaway, NJ.

Unfortunately, we are not able to share the details of this situation considering that it is both a personnel matter and an ongoing police matter. Having said this, we will share that the crime for which the staff member has been charged occurred more than ten years ago, prior to his time in the Hopatcong School District.

We do not share this to in any way minimize the charge, but rather to give peace of mind to the families in our community. We can assure you that we take this very seriously and the staff member was immediately suspended. We have reached out proactively to the authorities and to the Department of Education and will cooperate with their investigations in any way we can.

We suspect that you may hear more about this situation in the press, but for now please know that we cannot share any additional information.

Sincerely,

Mr. Arthur DiBenedetto
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