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Public Statement -- April 30, 2021

With respect to the April 8th incident, on behalf of the Joint Operating Committee (JOC), Executive Director Dr. Regina Hiler indicated that everyone associated with the School was very disappointed to learn of the conduct that occurred in the Automotive Technology Program's changing room on April 8, 2021. Upon learning of the incident, the School conducted an immediate investigation which resulted in discipline referrals to the students' respective Home School Districts and a report to the Butler Township Police. After consultation with the School's Solicitor, Tom Breth, and the Superintendents, the JOC authorized the hiring of Attorney Laura Gutnick, of the law firm Strassburger McKenna Gutnick and Gefsky, to conduct an independent investigation into allegations of alleged hazing, harassment and other forms of prohibited conduct at the School. If additional evidence of misconduct is discovered, the School will take immediate and decisive corrective action. Pending completion of the independent investigation, I anticipate that there will be no further public comment regarding the matter.