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WSD investigation of inappropriate social media comments

Recently, a concern was brought to the Winnipeg School Division's (WSD) attention by a third party alleging that an individual, who also happens to be a teacher, was posting inappropriate comments on social media.

WSD is taking this issue very seriously and has initiated an investigation, including authenticating who authored the posting. We have also received and reviewed the posting and state emphatically that, no matter who wrote the comments, they do not reflect the views of the Winnipeg School Division.

The teacher in question is on administrative leave during the investigation.

In addition, I have written to Grand Chief Nepinak, on behalf of the Winnipeg School Division Board of Trustees, to express our concern and regret about the postings on social media attributed to a teacher in our division.

We strive to create and maintain an environment in which students, parents and employees are aware of and respect the rights and human dignity of others. We believe in the importance of understanding, respecting, valuing and appreciating the diverse cultural differences and perspectives within the community in order to successfully provide appropriate education services for students.

I am confident that due process is being observed and this matter is being dealt with appropriately.

Mark Wasyliv, Chair of the Board