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Dear East High School Families,

It is our priority to keep you informed about matters related to our school. You may hear in the media that the Denver District Attorney announced that charges were filed against five current and former East High School employees for failure to report an alleged sexual assault between two students that occurred off-campus in March 2016. Our records here indicate that our employees did notify the Denver Police Department of this incident in March 2016. We will continue to work with the Police and District Attorney going forward to understand better their concerns in this case.

The employees involved are Jann Peterson, Jen Sculley, Eric Sinclair, and Anita Curtiss. Former principal Andy Mendelsberg is also being charged.

We know how important it is to ensure that any student who has concerns about inappropriate or unlawful sexual behavior be fully supported and that concerns about abuse be promptly reported to law enforcement. As you know, we have strong policies and procedures in place to support students and are committed to ensuring a safe learning environment in our schools.

We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our students, at East High School and throughout Denver Public Schools. We will provide additional information when we can.

I want to thank you for your support, patience and continued commitment to the students and families of East High School. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

John Youngquist Principal