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Dear MSD of Martinsville Families and Community,

The purpose of this letter is to provide clarification regarding the information surrounding the recent court proceedings involving Mr. John Elliott and witnesses in the case.

To clarify, any staff members who may have testified in this case did so on their own time, under oath. Their testimony was not a part of their official role with the district. It is also important to note that all individuals have the obligation and right to speak truthfully and freely in court.

The District respects the criminal justice process and will not take a position regarding the case involving Mr. Elliott. Our focus remains on ensuring a respectful and supportive teaching and learning environment for our students, staff, and families.

Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office.

Eric Bowlen, Superintendent