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Dear Parents and Staff,

Lowell Area Schools was notified this morning that a part-time employee was arrested by the Kent County Sheriff's Department and is currently under investigation by the Department of Homeland Security and Canadian law enforcement, with assistance from the Kent County Sheriff's Department.

At this time, no Lowell Area Schools students or other employees are known or alleged to be involved. The name of the employee has not yet been made public, but the employee is currently in custody and has been immediately placed on administrative leave from the District pending the investigation. The District is cooperating fully with law enforcement and it is our policy to not comment further while an investigation is active and on-going.

A tip line with the Department of Homeland Security is available at (616) 235-3936 x2223. If additional information becomes available and appropriate for the District to share, it will do so.

Thank you for your support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gregory H. Pratt'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Gregory H. Pratt
Superintendent