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At Booth-Fickett and Tucson Unified School District, we want you to know that the safety of children is our No. 1 priority. It is with this in mind that I am writing to you today to inform you that an employee, Shavonne Pilkington, in the after-school program has been arrested after allegations of child molestation (ARS 13-1410).

The employee was removed from campus immediately upon our learning of the charges and placed on leave pending the outcome of an investigation. We are cooperating fully with Tucson Police as they investigate this matter. We also want you to know that TUSD takes its obligations toward the safety of students seriously, and conducts criminal background checks on all of its staff. The employee charged with this crime passed all of these checks.

If you have information that could help with the investigation or have questions about the charges, please contact the Tucson Police Department.

While these allegations are truly disheartening, it does give us the opportunity to talk to our children about ways they can keep themselves safe. We have attached resources that may help your family have these conversations.

Please feel free to reach out to me if I can help in any way.

Most Sincerely,

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