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Dear Members of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District Community:

I learned this week that three former Triton staff members have pled guilty to charges issued by the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. The employees, including a former principal and two former teachers will no longer be employed by the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, nor will they serve students in the field of education henceforth.

While we at the District Central Office remain open to providing information to the community as it is available to us from the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, we ask to please remember that there are parts of the investigation that remain open and unresolved at this time. We have worked with the Camden County Prosecutor's Office to bring to light every relevant detail of this investigation so that an appropriate resolution can be determined.

The Black Horse Pike Regional School District and Triton Regional High School community will remain dedicated and resolute in our belief that all students should be guaranteed a safe and secure learning environment; one in which our faculty serves as role models for developing the qualities of sound character. As a result of that foundation becoming jeopardized by actions counter to those beliefs, the Black Horse Pike Regional School District has responded and will continue to hold our employees to the highest standards in order to protect students and honor the aforementioned belief. We, as a community, have a shared commitment to doing what is best for students so that they may be prepared for tomorrow's challenges.

The faculty and staff understand that it is not acceptable to ignore that commitment, nor will actions counter to that commitment be tolerated. We embrace the idea that honesty, respect, and concern for others are eternal and life-enhancing values. The Triton Regional High School staff members and students have endured challenges over the past few months and yet all have displayed courage and maintained academic focus.

As we have done throughout the investigation, we will continue to make information available and do our best to alert parents and students as quickly and accurately as possible through email, letters, in-classroom announcements and our website.

In order to reinforce the behaviors we expect from all staff members, we have reinforced our efforts to educate, train, monitor and motivate all of our staff, teachers, administrators and students to make the most moral and safe choices both in and out of the classroom. In the interim, we have hired with the help of community members a school principal at Triton Regional High School, Dr. Mackie, who has

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demonstrated care for students and staff and established consistency in the application of policies and procedures.

Again, I thank the parents and guardians for all of your support and for taking the time to assist with generating understanding in a time of difficulty.

Sincerely,

John Golden Superintendent Black Horse Pike Regional School District

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