

It has come to our attention that an individual, using social media as a platform, disclosed a serious allegation regarding an alleged incident occurring at Cohen ES. The incident involved a student that alleged she had been inappropriately touched by a teacher. In order to provide accurate information, to the extent allowable by law, here are the *Findings of Fact* as they stand today:

- 1) On January 25, 2018, a parent reported to school authorities, that their child had disclosed an allegation that she had been inappropriately touched by at teacher at Cohen Elementary School.
- 2) The Elmira Heights CSD contacted the authorities and immediately began an internal investigation.
- 3) The Elmira Heights CSD provided full cooperation with the authorities and remained outside of their investigation which included independent investigations conducted by the local police, Child Advocacy Center and ultimately concluded in the District Attorney's Office.
- 4) During the course of both the internal and external investigations, the teacher was removed from the classroom.
- 5) On February 22, 2018, the Elmira Heights CSD received official notification from the District Attorney's Office, and the local police, that the investigation has concluded.
- 6) The Elmira Heights CSD is reaching out to the family and will do everything we can to support the child and to support the teacher as he returns to the classroom.

Respectfully,

Mary Beth Fiore  
Superintendent of Schools