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Dear Parents,

Last night the State Police arrested Mr. Dan Johnson, our Industrial Technology Teacher, on several charges involving inappropriate conduct with minors. To the best of our knowledge, no West Tisbury School students were involved in the alleged inappropriate conduct.

While we fully believe that everyone is innocent until proven guilty, due to the nature of the charges, Mr. Johnson has been put on administrative leave pending the outcome of a school investigation. This leave is not punitive in action, but it is in my estimation necessary to protect the rights of all.

I have spoken with Mr. Johnson's students about his absence. We are currently working to arrange an appropriate substitute who can ensure a continuation of learning in our Industrial Technology classes.

I will continue to keep you appropriately informed.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Halt