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Good Morning:

I am providing this formal communication in response to a news article and subsequent social media postings regarding a parent matter at Kistler Elementary. I can confirm that, an incident occurred at Kistler Elementary on Tuesday involving a parent and a gas-soaked folder as reported. I can further confirm that the parent was subsequently arrested and charged with several offenses.

Beyond those points, I am taking this opportunity to correct any misperception that students were exposed to harmful fumes and that the handling of this matter was in any manner delayed. The folder in question was bagged and removed from the classroom in less than five (5) minutes of its arrival and the child involved tended to. The incident was directed to the School Security Officer (SSO) shortly thereafter and a report to the State Police was made following the preliminary investigation. I compliment the Kistler staff and administration, along with the School Security Officer (SSO), for managing this matter in both a timely and appropriate manner thereby minimizing any safety concern for the other students and staff present.

The safety of our students and staff remains our priority. We will communicate moving forward when situations warrant notification, and we have full information to share.

Thank you,
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