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To Our Utica City School District Parents, Staff, and Community:

Over the past several months, the Board of Education and the current UCSD administration have been working diligently and proactively with several investigative agencies on issues related to past operations within the school district.

We have and will continue to cooperate with the authorities, including the FBI, the U.S. Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office, and the State Comptroller's Office. We're being very cautious not to take any action or make any comments that could potentially negatively impact the criminal investigations that are underway.

Aside from these ongoing investigations, for more than a year, the District has been proactively conducting audits of our scholarship and awards funds, and it has been confirmed that the alleged misappropriated funds linked to the recent indictment of former Board of Education President Lou LaPolla were diverted elsewhere and were never received by the District.

The current UCSD administration is thankful for and proud of the courage and cooperation of current and former staff members who have provided information to both the District and law enforcement in conjunction with these investigations. We want to thank law enforcement for their hard work, and we have the utmost confidence that these agencies will do their due diligence to get to the bottom of these various matters, and appropriate parties will be held accountable. We are committed to transparency with this process and will continue to update the community as these investigations continue, and more information comes to light.

-Utica City School District Board of Education