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Dear School Community Members,

It is most unfortunate that this letter needs to be sent to you this evening. Though, with a sincere commitment to providing you with important information this is being shared.

Please be advised, the Rochelle Park Board of Education has just learned that today, October 12, 2023, the Bergen County Prosecutor's Office arrested and charged a teacher and a substitute teacher with possession of child sexual abuse material. As a result, the Board has immediately suspended both employees and directed them that they are prohibited from coming to the school for any reason and are prohibited from contacting any student or staff.

The district is fully committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all of our students. The administration and school counselors are prepared to provide support to any student or family who may need assistance as a result of this information.

As media attention is given to the Bergen County Prosecutor's media release you may wish to consider talking with your child(ren) about internet safety, media postings, and personal safety. As a school district, we will not be initiating discussions about this situation in school. However, please communicate with your child(ren) that they should feel comfortable expressing their concerns to a trusted adult on an individual basis and a school based resource will be available to them.

Sincerely,

Sue DeNobile, Superintendent