

# Dixon Unified School District

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The Administration of the Dixon Unified School District is investigating a report received this morning involving an inappropriate comment posted on the personal social media account of a District teacher. The alleged post attributed to the teacher suggested that patience with students was only practiced when others were present to observe it. The post includes a separate alleged comment attributed to a second District teacher, in which that teacher expresses she recently yelled at a student after checking to see that no parents were around to witness the yelling.

Speaking on behalf of the Governing Board and administrative staff of the District, Superintendent Brian Dolan made the following statement:

*“Disappointment does not begin to describe how deeply upsetting and concerning I find these alleged comments and the beliefs and behavior that may be behind them, if they do in fact belong to the two teachers involved. We are charged to welcome all of our students to school every day and assume responsibility for their learning, growth and development, and social-emotional well-being. Our staff is full of dedicated educators and support personnel that perform their roles with professionalism and respect for the students and families we serve every day. This incident does not reflect the values of our teachers or the District’s as a whole.*

*We consistently work with our students and their families to establish trust and confidence in what we do, and that work continues by making the public aware of this incident and pledging our full efforts to address it and ensure that all students are always treated with the love, professionalism, and expertise that they deserve.”*

Both employees have been placed on administrative leave by the District while a full investigation into the allegations is conducted. As this is a personnel matter, the District cannot comment further as the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information related to the situation should contact the District Office at 707.693.6300.