

Lincoln Sudbury Regional School District
390 Lincoln Road
Sudbury, MA 01776

School Committee

Statement regarding the recently filed lawsuit

The Lincoln-Sudbury Regional School Committee wishes to make the following information available regarding the November 1, 2013 incident alleged in the recently-filed lawsuit. These allegations were fully investigated at the time by the Sudbury Police and School District officials. Upon learning of the incident, School District personnel immediately provided the female student with the support and assistance necessary to pursue her studies in a safe and harassment-free environment. Appropriate measures were also taken against the alleged assailants.

Any allegations that the School District dragged its feet, was unresponsive to the student, or somehow tried to sweep the incident under the rug, are entirely false. Due to the nature of the incident and ages of all involved, the School District was obliged to maintain strict confidentiality. And when the Office for Civil Rights in the United States Department of Education (OCR) conducted its own investigation into the School District's response to the incident, School District officials cooperated fully. By letter dated September 7, 2017, the OCR agreed there was insufficient evidence to support any allegation that the School District's response to the incident was less than appropriate.

A copy of the OCR's determination, redacted to protect the privacy of individuals, is attached to this email. The Superintendent-Principal and her administrative team have kept the School Committee apprised of the matters related to the incident and subsequent proceedings at all times. The School Committee stands behind its policies and unequivocally supports the administrators named in the lawsuit.