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Media Advisory regarding April Novak

MENOMONEE FALLS (12/22/15) – Superintendent Dr. Pat Greco will make available a press conference to the media at 7:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23 at Village Hall Board Room, W156 N8480 Pilgrim Road.

The statement below was shared with the parents of the School District of Menomonee Falls this afternoon:

Dear Families,

We want to inform you that charges have been filed regarding the High School staff member that had an inappropriate relationship with a student. We can now tell you that the staff member involved is April Novak, who was formerly employed as a reading interventionist at the High School.

Ms. Novak was placed on leave on Dec. 11 when the District first became aware of a possible inappropriate relationship between Ms. Novak and a student. Ms. Novak resigned during the school district’s investigation and no longer works for the School District of Menomonee Falls.

She has been charged with 12 counts of sexual assault of a student by school staff. All of these counts occurred on school grounds during the school day. A criminal complaint detailing the Menomonee Falls Police Department’s investigation was filed with the Waukesha County District Attorney today and Ms. Novak had her initial hearing.

The safety and well-being of our students is the highest priority for the School District of Menomonee Falls. The District takes this responsibility very seriously and will promptly investigate any concerns regarding student safety while also insuring that any such investigation is handled professionally and respects the confidentiality of all persons involved. The District is prohibited by law from further discussing Ms. Novak’s employment with the District or confidential student matters.

Counseling staff will be available should your child express any concerns regarding this matter. We have a strong and supportive community here in Menomonee Falls, and we thank you for being a part of it. The safety of our students has been and remains our highest priority.

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“Clearly, the days and weeks ahead will be very challenging for the student involved and the family members directly impacted by this relationship. Our high school staff members and leaders are committed to working with all of our students to keep our learning environment positively focused and to provide the support needed to all of our students and their families.”

Dr. Patricia Greco, Superintendent
School District of Menomonee Falls