

Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Press Release

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Public Statement of the CFAUSD Concerning the Glenwood City School District's Announcement Regarding Tim Johnson

The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District (CFAUSD) has just received the findings of a forensic financial audit conducted by Glenwood City School District (Glenwood City). The audit concerned their former superintendent, Tim Johnson.

Johnson served as our Human Resources Director after leaving Glenwood City. For this reason, we wanted to assure our community that nothing was taken from our District and that we intervened immediately to remove Mr. Johnson from his position in our District so we could investigate the reports we had received about the Glenwood City situation.

We immediately placed Mr. Johnson on administrative leave and conducted our own internal audit to verify that Mr. Johnson had not made any inappropriate expenditures or misused District funds in any way. Once we were satisfied that no misconduct had occurred, we mutually agreed to part ways with Mr. Johnson. On January 29, 2024, he submitted his unconditional resignation from his employment with the District.

Our District had no knowledge of the activities reviewed in the audit report when Mr. Johnson was hired. The District followed appropriate hiring procedures to review applicants' credentials, conduct background checks, and interview candidates under serious consideration. Mr. Johnson evaded detection by providing dishonest information and concealed material information about his circumstances, including the fact that he was then under an active investigation. In addition, the investigation that Glenwood City was conducting was being kept confidential at the time. Nevertheless, we resolved the situation promptly.

The story from Glenwood City generates an understandable interest in what happened when Mr. Johnson worked for our District. We thought it important to share this information and will advise of any developments that we are aware of that affect the welfare of any of our students or the District as a whole.

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