



La Vernia Independent School District

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As the investigation into sexual assault allegations against high school male athletes continues, the La Vernia Independent School District remains committed to providing transparency to the community while maintaining the integrity of the investigative process and moving forward in the best interest of all students.

By way of background, in February 2017, the La Vernia High School administration received information about sexual assault allegations, which they immediately reported to law enforcement. The District was given strict direction by law enforcement to cease any internal investigations or communications to prevent interference with the criminal investigation.

Throughout the law enforcement investigation, limited information has been shared with the District. In many instances, we have learned about developments in the case through news outlets and social media. We understand that the criminal investigation is ongoing, and we continue to cooperate fully with the authorities.

The District was recently advised of the indictment of four former students, and a civil lawsuit regarding the alleged sexual assault of male student athletes by other LVHS male student athletes has also been filed. Due to the sensitive nature of the allegations, as well as federal law protecting all students' privacy rights, the District cannot and will not comment regarding the alleged involvement of any student athlete.

The District's priority continues to be the safety and quality education of our students, including providing counseling and programming support to them through efforts such as adoption of the Rachel's Challenge program, an anonymous reporting process available to students, and an emphasis on interaction with student athletes related to character expectations and development.

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La Vernia ISD Mission Statement

La Vernia ISD will empower every student to excel in their future by providing an inclusive environment that ignites innovation and creativity, fosters individual growth, and instills a passion for learning.