



## East Greenwich Public Schools

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Dear East Greenwich School District Middle and High School Families,

Through our commitment to protect and support the safety of our students, I am reaching out to inform you of a Title IX investigation our District has initiated.

Earlier this week, allegations of misconduct were shared with our Leadership Team regarding an adult affiliated with a local, non-District tennis program that serves East Greenwich Middle School students. While this program/team in reference is not an officially sanctioned Cole Middle School or East Greenwich School District athletic team or club, and the referenced adult has never been employed by our District in any capacity, we have directed our District's legal counsel to launch a Title IX investigation to protect and support any current or former student athlete participants.

I am authorizing this investigation due to the unique nature of this program and its close proximity to current and former middle school students. This notification is being shared with you to ensure our investigation is as thorough as possible. We are taking any and all steps we can, including notification of the reported complaint to the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

If your family, or student, has any concerns or information related to misconduct regarding this tennis program, I encourage you to contact our dedicated Title IX investigator directly:

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We care deeply about the safety of our students. In light of these allegations, our Middle and High School Psychologists and School Counselors are available to any student who would like support through this time.

The tennis program is currently suspended until further notice. We recognize that athletics are a huge part of many students' lives, and will continue to support the many athletic programs available to Middle and High School students.

Out of respect for the parties involved and the important investigatory process, our District will not be providing any further information on these allegations at this time.

Sincerely,

Dr. Brian G. Ricca

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