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Re: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Fwd: Incident at JGW

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Cc: Matthew Condon <matthew.condon@haverhill-ps.org>

Wed, Jan 3, 2024 at 6:36 AM

Good Morning,

I didn't speak with the SRO directly. I performed the sweep of the laptop myself. I copied the email I sent HR after completion.

Thanks,

Douglas Russell
Director of Technology
Haverhill Public Schools

Good Afternoon Sandra,

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to update you about the recent investigation of employee Robert Stanton. I looked into the reported issue concerning inappropriate images on the staff member's computer.

Upon conducting a thorough search and analysis, I assure you that no inappropriate images were found during the inspection of the computer in question. The investigation revealed that the root cause of the concern was attributed to a notification setting within the Chrome browser.

Specifically, the computer was experiencing spam notifications due to a setting within Chrome that the staff member inadvertently allowed. Once identified, we promptly addressed and rectified this setting to prevent further unwanted messages from appearing. In addition to fixing the issue, we took the opportunity to educate the employee on the nature of these spam notifications, explaining why they occur and how to avoid falling victim to them in the future.

Please let me know if you need any more information on this matter. Unless otherwise notified, I will mark this IT investigation of a staff member's computer and account as completed.

Thanks,

Douglas Russell
Director of Technology
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On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 9:27 PM Margaret Marotta-Smith <margaret.marotta@haverhill-ps.org> wrote:
Please review for accuracy, I'd like to send this to the family in the morning.

Good morning -

After hearing from School Committee member Rosa - I checked my spam file for the emails you reported sending. I did find several several over the last 2 weeks. I apologize for the frustration that this has caused.

I am aware of the situation to which you refer. Obviously, it is concerning and I appreciate your diligence in ensuring that the matter does not go uninvestigated or addressed.

While the answers to your question would surely have been better in a more timely manner, I would like to answer them now:

- as to when the images were reported - the staff member reported the incident as soon as it occurred. The report was made prior to any reports from students to my knowledge or that of Mr. Condon.
- The HPS IT Department immediately thoroughly searched the teacher's browser history and found no inappropriate websites visited or anything of concern on the computer. It was a thorough search to which the teacher fully cooperated.
- After speaking with your husband Mr. Condon contacted me about the situation, I agreed with your husband that out of an abundance of caution, the SRO should be notified in order to make every effort to make certain school devices were not being used for inappropriate purposes . The situation was shared with our school SRO, and the police and our IT Department communicated regarding the information. Neither feel there is any evidence that this is in any way caused by any action of the teacher.

I would agree that the parents involved should have received communication, perhaps that would have made both parents and students more confident that this was a random popup and not the result of some salacious teacher action.


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On Tue, Jan 2, 2024 at 12:01 PM Samantha Turner <sampham6987@gmail.com> wrote:

Good Morning,

This is now my 3rd attempt to reach someone in regards to my child seeing pictures of a nude woman on her teachers open computer in her middle school math class. I'm very shocked at how the whole situation has been brushed under the rug. And if that wasn't bad enough, clearly the JGW school newspaper isn't being reviewed or edited by the JGW staff. Attached is a student interview that was put in the school newspaper which was sent to all families. I am all for being inclusive and accepting people's gender identities and pronouns....but to allow a student to say "Theyre the one old gay man up the street". Let's do better HPS.

Samantha

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Samantha Turner <sampham6987@gmail.com>
Date: December 21, 2023 at 12:06:37 PM EST
To: margaret.marotta@haverhill-ps.org
Subject: Fwd: Incident at JGW

Hello,

Just following up with the email I sent on Tuesday. It seems as no one is taking the situation seriously and in my eyes, my MINOR child seeing sexual pictures on a teachers computer as school, during class is not something that should be so easily brushed under the rug despite the principal and teacher in questions friendship and history. Also as parents there was still no communication to us from the school on the situation.

Samantha

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Samantha Turner <sampham6987@gmail.com>
Date: December 19, 2023 at 2:02:05 PM EST
To: superintendent@haverhill-ps.org
Subject: Incident at JGW

Good Afternoon,

I'm reaching out about an incident that occurred yesterday afternoon at JGW. My daughter a 6th grader there informed me her and several other students seen an inappropriate picture on their teachers computer. Apparently his computer was open and when sharpening pencils it was in clear view. Her and other students then filled out an incident report with the office. My concern is as parents there was no communication on this. After her father went to the school to follow up, he was informed that HPD wasn't notified neither was the SRO for the school. They said there was a brief skimming of his computer from tech and that they concluded it was a "pop up". We all know how pop ups work. So clearly there's more to this. It seems like the complaint isn't being taken seriously. Whatever teachers do on their time is fine, my child shouldn't have to worry about seeing naked body parts in school.

Samantha Turner
Sent from my iPhone