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District responds to allegation of intolerance

On the afternoon of Thursday, May 3, Superintendent Don Helmstetter, on behalf of the school district, received a letter from the Minnesota chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations, alleging anti-Muslim incidents at the district's middle school. Helmstetter learned of this only hours prior to local media receiving a news release from that same organization.

"As a school district, we take all allegations very seriously," emphasized Helmstetter, and the district immediately launched an investigation.

It is the district's policy, and obligation, to maintain a learning environment that is free from religious and other forms of intolerance.

As with any complaint or allegation, the district will thoroughly address the concerns.

All complaints, large or small, formal or informal are investigated. Appropriate action will be taken against any pupil, teacher, administrator or other school personnel found to have violated policies on harassment or intolerance.