

# PERRY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The Perry School District takes the safety of its students very seriously and does everything it can to provide a safe learning environment. Because of this, the Board of Education, the School Faculty and Staff, and I are troubled by the incidents which have recently come to light, and we understand why our school family and community are also troubled. The District has cooperated, and will continue to cooperate, with the Perry Police Department in its investigation of these incidents. The District has also been reviewing this situation to ascertain what happened and if any changes need to be made in the policies, procedures and practices of the District. In addition, the District is immediately moving a counselor from another building to the upper elementary building in order to be available to the staff and students at that site who need the counselor's help. The District is also exploring other resources that can be brought to bear to help those who have been directly or indirectly affected by these events. The individual who engaged in these activities has not been allowed back to school since that time and will not be allowed to ever return. As the facts of this matter are uncovered by the investigation by the Perry Police Department and the District's review of this situation, any additional actions which need to be taken to address this matter will be implemented by the District. I know that some in the community have asked why the School Board did not meet sooner regarding this matter. Because of the advance notice of a meeting which must be given to the County Clerk, Wednesday, February 1, 2017, was the earliest date on which a meeting could be held by the Board of Education. I assure everyone that the Board of Education, the School Faculty and Staff, and I all want to do what is best for our students and do whatever we can to protect them and provide them with a safe learning environment. Because of the ongoing investigation, the District will not comment further at this time, but may comment in the future as new facts are discovered or it is determined to take additional actions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Chenoweth". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping "S" at the beginning.

Scott Chenoweth  
Superintendent of Schools