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The Liberty 53 School District was recently served with a lawsuit filed by a former employee of the District. The lawsuit involves an allegation of age and gender discrimination and retaliation. It is not the District's normal practice to comment on any pending litigation. Thus, we are unable to provide any specific comments on this matter at this time. However, because of the nature of the allegations, we want to assure our patrons that the District is committed to ensuring equal employment opportunities for all employees. The District does not make employment decisions based upon an employee's age, gender, or any other illegal basis, and does not retaliate against employees. Further, Board policy specifically prohibits unlawful discrimination against any person because of race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin or disability and prohibits retaliation against employees.

In the meantime, the District will continue to focus on providing the best education possible for its students. We appreciate the patience of our school community as we move through this process.