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Re: Community Update on Facility Use and Event Sponsorship

Clarification regarding upcoming community event at Academy Hill School

Dear RSU 9 Community,

We have recently received several inquiries from residents regarding flyers and posters currently circulating in our towns for a series of seminars being held at Academy Hill School (AHS). We would like to take this opportunity to provide clarity and address questions raised by community members.

Sponsorship and Association: It came to our attention that some promotional materials, including at least one poster did not identify the event's sponsor. This has led to the mistaken impression that RSU 9 and/or Academy Hill School is sponsoring or associated with this event. **We want to be very clear: RSU 9 is NOT sponsoring and is NOT associated with seminars being held in the evening at AHS.**

Our Facility Use Policy: As a public school district, RSU 9 allows community organizations across our ten towns to utilize our facilities after school hours, in the evening, or on weekends, provided the use does not interfere with school needs. Our facilities have been shared with a wide variety of groups, including:

- Local Recreation Departments
- Girl Scouts and Rotary/Lions Clubs
- Various social and religious organizations
- Political parties.

Corrective Actions In reviewing our procedures, we recognized that there were errors in our process with how information was collected from this specific group which did not ensure that their promotional materials met our disclaimer requirement to clearly state: ***"The program listed above is not an RSU 9 sponsored activity, however, this flyer is being distributed in the local schools as a community service. All costs associated with this flyer are paid for by [organization name]."***

We have since rectified this with the organizers. They have agreed to:

1. Change or remove any misleading signage.
2. Explicitly state at each activity that the event is not an RSU 9-sponsored activity.

We apologize for the confusion this caused and are adjusting our internal procedures to ensure more rigorous oversight of facility use requests and advertising of such events in the future.

Thank you for your continued engagement and for bringing questions to our attention.

Very truly yours,

Christian M. Elkington
Superintendent