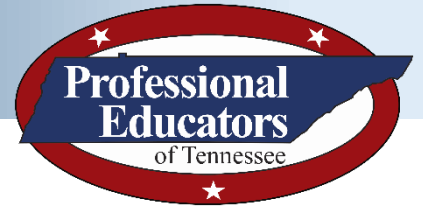


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STATEMENT FROM PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS OF TENNESSEE ON L&N STEM ACADEMY

“As we understand it, an incident occurred that was properly reported to the authorities by Mr. Tim Childers, Vice Principal and Ms. Becky Ashe, Principal, both highly regarded educators at L&N STEM Academy. They did not instigate or cause this incident, the specifics of which are currently under investigation. Mr. Childers and Ms. Ashe, based on the information we have received, discharged their professional responsibilities in accordance with state law. This should be of no surprise to anyone. L&N STEM Academy is one of the highest performing schools in the state. U.S. News and World Report ranked the school the sixth best high school in Tennessee in 2016, and last year it ranked in the top 10 percent in performance in the state. We expect the matter to be resolved quickly. Administrative leaves of absence are not unusual when matters such as these are investigated by outside personnel.” ---JC Bowman, Executive Director of Professional Educators of Tennessee

SUMMARY

Statement from Professional Educators of Tennessee concerning the L&N Stem Academy incident in Knox county.

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