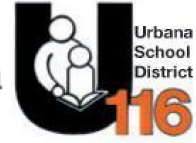




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**Date/Time of Press Release:** September 10, 2019 3:00 pm  
**Date/Time of Incident:** September 3, 2019



**Joint statement regarding incident at Thomas Paine Elementary School**

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On September 10, 2019, the Urbana Police Department was made aware of an allegation related to a staff member of Thomas Paine Elementary School. The police department is working with the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Urbana School District #116 to investigate this allegation. As this investigation is being undertaken, the police department will not be able to provide comment as to the specifics of the allegation. We can confirm that the staff member in question no longer has access to children or any school facilities.

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