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Stanley principal on leave during investigation

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Stanley Middle School principal Nikki Chaplan was placed on leave while the Lafayette School District conducts an investigation into what took place during her time as assistant principal in the San Ramon Valley Unified School District when a teacher was prosecuted for alleged sexual abuse against two minors.

According to a Jan. 28 statement from LafSD Superintendent Brent Stephens, the District's investigation will focus on this time, review source documents and, as much as possible, determine whether investigations were conducted adequately, whether reporting requirements were fulfilled, and whether investigations records were properly created and maintained.

"This is a challenging and sensitive moment for our school community," Stephens wrote. "Ms. Chaplan is new to us, has already contributed thoughtfully to the Stanley community, feedback about her leadership has been positive, and our decision to look into this matter objectively should not be construed by anyone that wrongdoing has occurred. Speculation about her role based only on media reports is not helpful in our community. Instead, this is a moment to respect privacy, to adhere to sound investigative practices, and ground our thinking in evidence."

Lamorinda Weekly reached out to the superintendent's office for an update on the investigation, but did not hear back before press time.

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