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Statement from Vernonia School District

We are deeply saddened by the incident that took place within our partner after-school program operated by Camp Cedar Ridge. Student safety and well-being are always our highest priorities, and we believe every student deserves to feel safe, respected, and supported in any program connected to our schools.

We have taken the necessary steps to ensure that the individual involved is no longer welcome on district property. Counselors have also been made available to support any students who may need help processing the incident or who would benefit from someone to talk to.

When the program resumes, it will be guided by new staff to support a safe, positive, and welcoming environment for students.

We recognize that this after-school program has played an important role in supporting many Vernonia families, and we understand how much families value having access to these services. We hope to continue providing this valuable support in the future while ensuring that student safety remains at the forefront of every decision.

Our commitment is to our students, families, and community, and we take that responsibility seriously.

Darla Waite-Larkin, Superintendent