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Update Regarding Technology Malware Incident on 10/8/21 at Leonard Junior High School

On the morning of Friday, October 8, as an LJH teacher was teaching class using the interactive display board, an inappropriate image of a woman popped up in the lower corner of the screen for approximately one second and was then quickly removed. This incident was reported to administration and the technology department and an investigation began. All parents of students in that particular classroom were notified with a letter from campus administration explaining the incident. While not all students saw the image, we are aware that some students did, and for that we sincerely apologize.

After an extensive investigation and through a joint effort of the Leonard ISD Technology Department, Leonard ISD Police Department, Leonard ISD Administration, and the security team at the Dallas-based cybersecurity company through the district's partnership with Region 10 ESC, the investigation has now been completed and has been confirmed that this was a result of malicious malware that attached itself as a virus and not an act by any staff member of LISD as some rumors have surfaced.

While Leonard ISD has a robust computer filtering and firewall system in place, this malicious virus was tracked down through the cybersecurity company and multiple party intelligence as hacking, adware, and a DDoS attack which resulted in this concerning matter.

Leonard ISD prioritizes the safety and well-being of our students and staff and will continue to strive to keep everyone safe from malicious events such as this.

Sincerely,

Brad Maxwell
Leonard ISD Superintendent