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**Minneapolis, MN** On March 27, 2019 the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension notified staff at Hiawatha Academies that a former staff member at Hiawatha College Prep - Kingfield had been taken into custody as part of an active investigation.

The former staff member at the center of the investigation has not been employed by the school since June 2018, but he has continued to volunteer at Hiawatha College Prep - Kingfield periodically during school year. Hiawatha Academies is fully cooperating with law enforcement in its investigation. We currently have no information regarding the nature of the alleged crimes other than what the BCA has made public.

Student safety is Hiawatha Academies' highest priority. School leaders and staff receive training to identify potential threats to the students and we, as a school, are committed to taking every available precaution to ensure that children are safe. All potential staff go through a comprehensive review process that includes a criminal background checks and a three-part interview process.

Anyone with information about this matter is encouraged to call the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension Tip Line at 1-877-996-6222. Callers may remain anonymous.

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