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My name is Christine Chinni. As I hope most of you know, I have been retained by the Stonington Board of Education (the "Board") to investigate matters that former students have raised about a former teacher at Stonington High School, Timothy Chokas. In particular, the Board has asked me to investigate whether members of the staff of Stonington High School, and/or the administration of the Stonington Public Schools, ignored or failed to address issues raised by students concerning improper conduct, verbal or physical, by Mr. Chokas over the course of his career at Stonington High School.

The Board has authorized me take whatever actions are necessary to learn all of the facts surrounding this matter. I would very much like to hear from anyone who has information that they believe is relevant to this investigation. I would like to speak to all current or former students at Stonington High School who have any information about any actions they believe Mr. Chokas engaged in that were in anyway inappropriate. I would also like to speak to any parent of a current or former Stonington High School student, and any current or former member of the Stonington Public Schools staff who has any information pertinent to the investigation concerning Mr. Chokas. I would like to hear from any current or former resident of Stonington who has information concerning any alleged inappropriate conduct by Mr. Chokas, regardless of whether or not the witness who contacts me has direct, eyewitness information or matters that they have learned of from others who have had direct, negative interactions with Mr. Chokas during his employment in Stonington. I want to hear from anyone who has information about any actions of Mr. Chokas, verbal or physical, that led students to feel uncomfortable, unheard, or unsupported.

There are several ways for individuals with relevant information to contact me. You can send me a text or leave a message on my cellphone at (860) 878-4536, or leave a confidential voicemail and email at (860) 677-0255. You can also send an email message to a dedicated, confidential email address on our firm's server: spsinvestigation@chinniandmeuser.com I urge anyone with information about this matter to contact me by one of the methods listed above by June 1, 2020. I will speak to anyone who contacts me, in a supportive, open atmosphere without accusation or judgment. I want to provide the Board with a full picture of what happened, from all perspectives. Only a thorough investigation with information from all parties will allow me to make a complete report and recommendations to the Board, and allow the community to move forward.

Sincerely,



Christine L. Chinni