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**** Grosse Pointe Education Association Statement on the Events of April 28, 2021 ****

The teachers of the Grosse Pointe School District, many of whom have invested decades to build GPPSS into one of the finest districts in the state of Michigan, ALWAYS put the interests of their students at the top of their priorities. That is why Grosse Pointe schools have earned a reputation of excellence.

The dedication of our teachers has created that educational excellence. From time to time, GP teachers need to use their leave time for themselves or their families. In light of this dedication to our students, we were very disheartened to read a statement from the superintendent sent to GP families today that publicly criticized our teachers who chose to use that leave time. That public criticism harms the already low morale of our teachers, who have worked very hard during this pandemic to keep teaching and learning on track whether in remote, hybrid or full face-to-face.

Across the state, we are experiencing a severe teacher shortage. Teachers have many options among many districts to choose from. If GPPSS wants to continue to attract the best and brightest to teach in our district, it would be in everyone's best interest for the administration to refrain from attacking teachers for using leave time.

The outstanding teachers of this district deserve better.