

## 2026-060028 Complaint Response

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From: OIG (oig@fldoe.org)

To:

Date: Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 01:19 PM EDT

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Good afternoon,

On June 2, 2026, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Office of Inspector General (OIG) received and reviewed your concerns regarding Lee County Public Schools.

Under the state constitution, local district school boards are charged with the power and authority to operate, control, and supervise the public schools within the district (Article IX, Section 4, Florida Constitution). Local school boards have the authority to determine the policies deemed necessary for the operation of the school district and the schools within the district. Thus, public school issues are typically handled by the school district and the school board. Allegations involving the violation of parental rights should first be addressed through the school district. If the district is unable to resolve the concern, information regarding additional options for parents can be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/ParentalRights/>.

In accordance with Section 1001.20, Florida Statutes, under certain conditions the FDOE OIG is responsible for conducting, coordinating, or requesting investigations into allegations of waste, fraud, or financial mismanagement within the school districts and state college system.

Upon our review of the information you provided, we have concluded that your concerns would best be addressed by the Lee County School Board Chair and Superintendent. By way of this email, we are notifying you that your complaint was referred to the Lee County School Board Chair and Superintendent for their review and action deemed appropriate. If you have questions or concerns relating to your complaint, please contact the agencies your complainant was referred to directly. Upon referral, your complaint with our office will be closed; however, we will maintain a copy of the complaint filed under the correspondence number in the subject line of this email.

Thank you for bringing this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

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