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Dear ACUSD Families:

On Monday, September 12, 2022, the employees of Jackson Junior High involved with the decision to have students eat lunch outdoors on September 6, 2022, will return to campus. As you know, when I became aware of the concern that students were forced to eat lunch outdoors in the heat at Jackson Junior High on September 6, 2022, I took immediate action to place the individuals involved on administrative leave and to investigate the matter. It is District policy that all students remain indoors for lunch during extreme weather events. We have concluded our investigation and determined that errors were made at the site and our policy was not fully implemented. However, we also determined that no one acted with bad intent or to purposely put children in an unsafe situation. We are using this as a learning opportunity for all of our administrative team to reinforce our safety protocols surrounding extreme weather, improve our communication among schools, students, and families, and train employees on the dangers of excessive heat exposure.

We look forward to cooler temperatures and all that fall has to offer in the coming weeks. Thank you for your support of our public schools and hardworking staff.

Sincerely,

Torie F. Gibson, Ed.D.
Superintendent, ACOE & ACUSD