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## *For Immediate Release – September 12, 2025*

To the Triton Central Community,

As many of you may be aware, a social media post made by a Triton Central Schools employee in the immediate aftermath of the tragic murder of Charlie Kirk has understandably caused concern among members of our community.

After consulting with our school district legal counsel, it is important to clarify that, as a public employer, Triton Central has limited legal authority to censor, monitor, or restrict employees' rights to express personal views on social media during their private time and outside of their official duties.

The constitutional right to free speech protects even those expressions that are seen as calloused, insensitive, ill-advised, or mean-spirited. It is essential to understand that any such views expressed privately by employees do not reflect the values, beliefs, or philosophy of Triton Central Schools.

We continue to grieve alongside our community during this difficult time. Please keep Mr. Kirk's family—and our nation as a whole—in your thoughts and prayers during this tragic time.

Sincerely,

**Chris Hoke**
Superintendent
Triton Central Schools

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