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Dear Parents:

By now, you most likely have heard about a few recent events here at school involving bullying and harassment. First and foremost, I want to say these actions are not tolerated, and I want to believe they are not a reflection of the overall attitudes and behaviors of our students, staff, parents or community.

It is however, a significant enough concern that we all need to talk about it with our children and the adult population in the school community. Too often, we see acts of disrespect on television, in the news and the internet sites we visit. We cannot blame these outlets, however, for these actions as we have the ability to control and influence to what degree these behaviors are replicated.

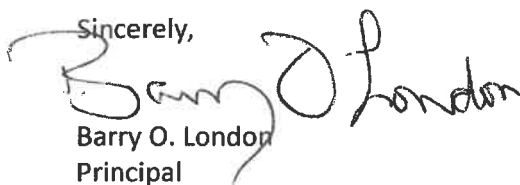
As an educator, I personally prefer the proactive approach addressing disrespectful behavior; discussing inappropriate behavior with students and reflecting on better choices with the expectation of making better ones. There are times, however, when serious consequences must also be used to change behaviors, especially when safety (physical and emotional) is concerned.

Mrs. Drumstas has been working weekly, sometimes daily, with students learning conflict resolution skills and ways to communicate more effectively. Despite this work, I have recently observed far more acts of disrespect towards classmates and staff than is representative of the values I know are modeled both at home and at school. I have met with the middle school students and expressed my disappointment, my expectations and laid out some consequences for continued disrespect.

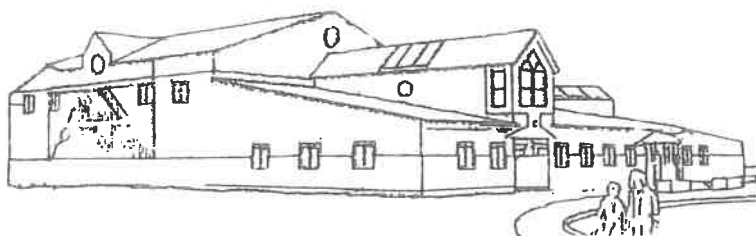
We will be scheduling further meetings with students, parents, and community members in the coming months. We all want our students to understand and model behaviors that make our school a great place to teach and learn.

Please discuss this with your child and contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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