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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

There has been a recent increase in vandalism and theft at schools nationwide that can be attributed to a disturbing TikTok trend that students are attempting to copy and/or imitate. This challenge, known as "Devious Licks" encourages students to vandalize school bathrooms and property and then post the actions on social media. There have already been incidents of vandalism in our schools that can be linked to this TikTok challenge.

October may bring about a new challenge where students are encouraged to hit or slap a teacher or school staff member. Unfortunately, some students are easily influenced by such trends and do not think about the serious consequences that can occur as a result of destructive and disrespectful behavior.

We are discussing this in our schools and making students aware of the dangers of participation in these challenges. At this time, I strongly encourage parents to speak with their children about responsible behavior and the importance of respecting others as well as school property. Parents should emphasize that hitting a staff member or another student, as well as vandalism and theft are serious offenses to the school code of conduct and involve consequences such as criminal charges, restitution, and imposing appropriate school discipline.

We hope that our combined efforts will serve to maintain a safe learning environment for our students and staff and educate students regarding the proper use of social media. Please reach out to the school principal with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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