



WINSLOW TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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H. Major Poteat, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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Dear Middle School Parents and Staff,

It was brought to my attention that over the past weekend, several Middle School parents posted information on social media about an incident that allegedly occurred at the Middle School. That information was grossly incorrect and caused somewhat of a panic among Middle School parents. This past weekend, the Winslow Township Police Department, in conjunction with the District Administration, conducted a thorough investigation into the alleged incident and found that the information posted by parents on social media was unfounded and nothing more than a rumor.

As Superintendent, I strongly suggest that all parents first consider the source of the information on social media, and second, make a concerted effort to research that information before reacting. Responding to hearsay is irresponsible and unfair to our staff, students, and parents. However, if you are aware of an incident, we urge you to call your building principal, my office, or the Winslow Township Police Department, before going to social media.

I understand that in today's climate, school safety is extremely important. However, the Winslow Township Police Department and I ask that you do not post information alleging any type of violence on social media that is not based on facts.

If there is a true emergency, the District Administration and the Winslow Township Police Department will keep you informed (District Website, SchoolMessenger call to parents, joint press release with the Winslow Township Police, letter to parents, etc.) and we will take the necessary steps to make sure that our staff and students are safe.

I want to assure all parents and staff that school safety is my primary objective and I do not take this responsibility lightly.

Sincerely,

H. Major Poteat, Ed.D.
Superintendent

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c: Building Principals
Board of Education Members
Dr. Dorothy Carcamo, Assistant Superintendent