

October 14, 2010

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to let you know about some new developments today in the case surrounding the assault last week that injured one of our students. County police informed our school system today that two students now face additional charges in connection with the case. Jacob Dick and Vernon Johnson have now both been charged as adults with first-degree assault, second-degree assault, reckless endangerment, disturbance of school operations, and mayhem.

I also want you to know that we have concluded our school-based investigation into this matter and that I am seeking the full measure of appropriate disciplinary sanctions available under the Code of Student Conduct. While I cannot discuss specifics of those sanctions, I want to assure you that I have had conversations with those in central administration to convey my feelings on this matter. It is important to note that while many would prefer a quick judgment, due process requires that our school complete its investigation before finalizing any sanctions.

I had the opportunity today to speak with the family of the student who was hospitalized. He is out of the hospital and receiving treatment as he continues to recover from significant injuries. As I said to you in my letter earlier this week, we will continue to work with his family to provide him with instruction as he recovers.

I and everyone at our school continue to be committed to the safety of our students and staff. As I wrote earlier, I ask you to continue to work with us in this regard, and to share any information or concerns you may have quickly so that we may investigate and, where warranted, act upon them. Please do not hesitate to contact the school at 410-956-5600 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

William T. Myers
Principal

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