

March 21, 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians:

On the back of this letter is a news release issued by the Anne Arundel County Police Department today regarding an incident that we have been investigating since yesterday afternoon. I regret that the investigation into this incident prevented me from sending a letter home yesterday, but I want to have as much accurate information as I can provide.

Shortly after noon yesterday, a male student informed one of our administrators of the presence of a camera in a boys bathroom in our Media Building. We immediately began working with police to investigate the matter and have continued that work through today.

Police recovered the camera, which was positioned on the ceiling in the bathroom. At this time, the investigation has determined that a Police Department employee installed the camera without the knowledge of our school administration or the Police Department. However, our investigation to this point has turned up no evidence of any images were collected or stored on it.

Yesterday afternoon and again this morning, I ordered a full sweep of all bathrooms and locker rooms to ensure that no other cameras had been placed in those areas. Those sweeps turned up no additional devices. The single camera in question has been turned over to police, and we continue to work closely with them to investigate this matter.

The camera placed in the bathroom was not part of our school security camera system and was not connected to it in any way. Our school's system has cameras only in public locations, and not in bathrooms or locker rooms.

Obviously, this is a very troubling situation. I encourage you to talk to your children about this matter and to immediately contact our school or police if you have any information whatsoever that could help in this investigation.

I also urge you not to jump to any conclusions with regard to this case, or to fuel any rumors. We will communicate as much information to you as we can, as quickly as we can, as this investigation proceeds.

Please don't hesitate to contact the school at (410) 761-8950 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

Vickie Plitt  
Principal

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