

Dear School Families,

We have had a terrific start to the school year. I appreciate your partnership as we work together to support your student's needs and achievement.

I am writing today to inform you of a disturbing trend that is being perpetuated on social media platforms, such as TikTok. Schools across the country, including schools in our district, report vandalism and thefts as part of a social media challenge that encourages students to film themselves or other students vandalizing school restrooms and post the videos online.

Whether or not you allow your student to use social media, I encourage you to have a conversation with them about appropriate behavior at school and responsible use of technology. Please let your student know that there are serious consequences for taking part in criminal acts of vandalism and theft. Students that vandalize or steal school property will face disciplinary action as outlined in Board Policy and our Student Handbook. Consequences may include parents/guardians being responsible for restitution for property damages. In addition, students who record, post, or share video of such behavior may face disciplinary consequences. Our school will report theft and property damage to law enforcement.

We thank you for your support in monitoring your student's social media activity and visiting with them about your family's expectations of their behavior on- and off-line. We appreciate your assistance in preventing this destructive behavior so that we may maintain our focus on teaching and learning.

As always, please contact me at school with any questions or concerns.