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Dear Van Dyke Families and Community Members,

You may have seen some unsavory media coverage about one of our schools recently, and I want to be sure to address that with you directly. You know from being in the district that our teachers, staff, and administrators work tirelessly each day to ensure that our students are safe and in an environment that is prime for learning. When situations arise that threaten that environment, we must act in accordance with policies and procedures that are in place to uphold the absolute best environment for our students.

Acts of violence will not be tolerated. Peer mediation, counseling, social work support, and minute-to-minute conferences with staff are some of the programs offered daily in our buildings. When building staff are alerted to a situation, they respond immediately and address it openly with students. When students do not take advantage of these programs and choose to take situations to the next level, we must handle the matters quickly and according to policy. This allows us to focus on our students' education and the many positive things going on in our district.

For now, we will continue to be proud of our students' academic and social successes. This is a fantastic time of year when we will see our high school seniors receive scholarships, our instrumentalists compete at State band festival, and our athletes excel in spring sporting events. Our district's programming will support all of our students as they continue to grow and thrive.

We appreciate your support, as always, and encourage you to visit our website and attend our events to witness the great things going on daily.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Piper L. Bognar
Superintendent

Every Student, Every Day, No Matter What