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Greetings McCollough/Unis Community,

As we wrap up another busy week, I want to take a moment to provide you with an update on two events that occurred at our school, one in early April, the other in early March. Although certain laws and policy limit the amount of details I can share, it is important to assure everyone that when these unfortunate isolated events happen we do take action to prevent any future occurrences.

On April 4th we shared information regarding a note that was found in the school containing a threatening message. We worked with police to investigate and it was determined there was no credible threat to the school. Continuing our efforts with police, we were able to identify the person responsible for writing the note. Appropriate disciplinary action was taken in accordance with our student code of conduct. The individual involved may also face further legal consequences.

In early March information was shared that involved an unfortunate exchange of words between a student and staff member. The incident was investigated and appropriate disciplinary procedures were followed in accordance with all policy and union contracts.

When events occur that are not a part of the normal school day, we can often focus on a single moment in time or only one part of the available information. As a school, and as a school district, it is our responsibility to look at the broader picture, gather all facts, and review all information available when determining the final outcome of a situation. This is true when it comes to our students and our staff. I also understand that hearsay, speculation, and rumor can sometimes tell a story that may not be accurate. I want to assure you that our actions to address both of these situations were based on facts, swift, fair, and were done in accordance with our procedures and due process.

Ultimately our goal is to understand intent, correct behaviors, and provide an environment that will prevent these types of events from occurring in the future. I am confident that our staff and students are dedicated to this goal.

Again I want to thank the Dearborn Police for their continued support and partnership in keeping our schools safe. I want to also thank all of our parents and the entire Aviator community for working with us and supporting our mission to provide the very best education for all students. I know that by continuing to work together and communicate, McCollough Unis will be the very best place for your children to grow, thrive, and learn.

Have a restful weekend,

Chadi Farhat
Principal