February 24, 2015

Parents & Guardians,

All of us in the Liberty Public Schools take the safety and security of our students very seriously. Recent media coverage has centered on an incident between two students in our district. The investigation by our school administrators is ongoing, and is in cooperation with the Liberty Police Department.

In LPS, students are provided both education and resources that help them understand the signs of bullying and how to report instances aimed at either themselves or others. In light of the recent situation, LPS wants to again provide this information to our families about the resources our district uses to educate and combat bullying and incidents that threaten school safety.

Through our counseling instruction, LIFE program, digital citizenship instruction, and advisory programs, we work to equip students with information to help them report their concerns. We want our students to understand the importance of reporting their concerns, as well as the seriousness of remaining silent.

Our students, in addition to the instruction referenced above, have access to anonymous online reporting through each of our respective school websites. School Resource Officers are assigned to our secondary schools as an additional support for our students. The School Violence Hotline is another resource for all students and families in reporting school safety concerns. The number for the school violence hotline is 866-748-7047.

Reports of bullying and threats of violence are dealt with seriously, and in compliance with Board of Education policies.

We know that students who have concerns may not always reach out to adults and share what is happening, so we encourage the partnership between our school and our families. This helps us be aware and proactive in our efforts to protect students.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns you have regarding this or any other matters in our school.

Sincerely,

Principal School Phone number