

March 2, 2018

Dear LHS families,

This is to inform you that it came to my attention that another Lowell High School student posted a concerning image on social media. As per our safety protocols and procedures, the Lowell Police Department and the appropriate Lowell Public Schools Staff were immediately contacted and all appropriate steps have been taken to address the situation.

To be clear, no student, staff member or school has been threatened, injured or harmed as a result of the posted image. In addition, the police have indicated that there is no current threat to the school community based on this image.

We are very concerned that students may not fully understand the seriousness of posting disturbing images on social media and its potential impact on themselves, their family and their community. We are also finding that some students are using these images as an inappropriate way of seeking attention for issues that they may be struggling with.

That being said, these postings are extremely serious and we will continue to address them immediately and take swift action to ensure the safety of our students, staff and school. Please know that any student who chooses to post disturbing images or threats will face appropriate disciplinary and legal consequences for their actions.

Additionally, we will continue to take steps to educate students as to the importance of using social media safely and appropriately. We will also take steps to highlight to students, that may be in need of assistance, that there are alternative and more productive ways of seeking assistance, rather than through inappropriate postings to social media.

I would like to take a moment to thank the students and parents who have come forward to make us aware of these concerning posts. We need to continue to work together to address this behavior accordingly.

Situations like this also present an opportunity to engage and teach children about the importance of being thoughtful in their actions and words. Therefore, I ask each one of you to assist us in reinforcing the above message as we move forward.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

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