

WEBUTUCK CENTRAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Webutuck Families,

I am writing to you to provide you with information about an incident that was reported to our School District. Early this afternoon, the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office informed the Intermediate School Administration of an anonymous threat made via text message against one of our students. The administration, Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, and our School Resource Officer acted swiftly and began a full-fledged investigation of this matter.

Through the immediate investigation and actions by all involved, the student responsible for this threatening text was identified. That student is being held accountable by both the District and the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office to the fullest possible degree allowed by New York State Education Law as well as New York State Juvenile Law.

As Superintendent, I would like to thank the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office, our SRO and our Intermediate School Administration for their cooperation and commitment to keep all students and staff in the Webutuck Central School District safe.

I want to encourage students, parents, guardians, community members and anyone else to please say something if you see or hear something that is inappropriate, harmful, hateful or a violation of rules or laws. Report your concerns to school officials, the police or use our Anonymous Alert System located on our District Webpage at www.webutuckschools.org. I assure you that the Webutuck Central School District looks into every reported matter.

As a community, we support the positive growth of our children. I ask you to have open, age appropriate discussions with your children about acceptable social media and communication (texting, emailing, etc) behavior. Too often, adults and children put something in writing that does not just "go away" and by the time they recognize they should not have done so, it is too late. Working together, we can help our school buildings and our communities remain positive and rewarding places for students to be successful.

Sincerely,

Ray Castellani
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