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Dear Warrior Families,

Students in grades 5-12 will once again be using the Positivity Project (P2) during Advisory this year. P2 is the study and *implementation* of the 24 Character Strengths identified in the field of positive psychology. The goal is for everyone to learn more about themselves in an effort to improve their relationships among peers, teachers, parents, and in general interactions with others. This is an excellent platform and one that I truly support and believe can make an authentic impact for the entire Webutuck school community.

To read more about the importance of relationships, please click the following link:
<https://posproject.org/why-relationships/>

As educators, when we talk about student engagement, the preeminent goal is to pull the fullest potential out of every student. It is a proven, known quantity that when we successfully increase student engagement, student achievement follows. We all want these two fundamental goals to take place across our classrooms, for our students, each and every day. Yet, these ideas cannot be limited solely to the nature of academics. Rather, we believe that we need to seek engagement and achievement in our relationships as well. The best way for educators to broadly increase student engagement for the purposes of increased student achievement, across all spectrums of the educational experience, is through building better relationships. This is where we believe the scope and sequence of the P2 program will flourish.

This year the motto we are using is “Positivity In Action” and we will see this appear on social media stylized as #PositivityInAction. I encourage all parents and guardians to learn more about the Positivity Project and to actively work alongside our district by following the calendar of Character Strengths throughout the year. Please find that link here:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/1XlwG-06dkeRVVih77apSHSPYBy8cvqmR_IOKRkgZvYs/preview?pru=AAABdLD2-8*roo38_K79itiO6DiAsOjQQ#

Ultimately, just like anything else in life, we need to practice what we preach. It is my promise to this community that our school staff, including coaches, bus drivers, maintenance staff, etc. will all do their very best to show: #PositivityInAction. In the same way, I implore our families in this community to do their best to reciprocate employing the Character Strengths of P2 in their day to day interactions as well. We all should work to do better and be better each day. I always tell my athletes: if you need help shooting free throws, you don't play video games; you shoot more free throws and put in the time needed. If you use this analogy in our relationships, sky, as they say, is the limit on improving relationships. Remember, #PositivityInAction is the primary goal for P2 this year and I look forward to putting these strengths into action!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out at any time. And, as always, GO WARRIORS!!

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