## **DEARBORN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



December 15, 2015

Dear Parents,

Open dialogue and two-way communication is important in building a relationship between parents and school. With this thought in mind I would like to take just a moment to share with you information regarding a story that appeared on an 11:00 pm local newscast pertaining to one of our students.

Please note, although the story provided detail on the incident, as a school district we must adhere to certain student confidentiality laws. In addition, before sharing information it is our practice to make sure all facts have been collected to ensure the accuracy of events.

On Monday, a student informed school administrators that a letter was found in the student's locker containing a message threatening the safety of the student and the student's family. School administrators began an investigation into this incident and were able to identify three students who were involved. We were also able to determine that one of the three students was responsible for the content of the message.

Administrators contacted the Dearborn Police and appropriate disciplinary measures have been taken for all three students. The students are not in school and will not return until the investigation is concluded and the school has had an opportunity to meet with the parents of the students involved.

Although this is a very serious and upsetting incident for the student who found the letter, it is important to note that the threat in the letter was not directed toward the school or the student body of the school.

Please use this incident as a starting point to talk to your children about the very serious consequences associated with making threatening, intimidating, or bullying type comments whether it is in person, in writing, or via social media.

The information shared with you today was not meant to panic or alarm you, but to provide accurate details about a situation that occurred in our school. It is our hope that this type of open communications will aid in ensuring the safety and well-being of all students at Stout Middle School.

Sincerely,

## Gregory R. Oke, Principal

Dearborn Public Schools accept a parent's assertion that he or she needs language assistance without requiring additional corroboration. For free help with understanding the content of this document, please call the Student Services office 827-3005 for translation/interpretation Assistance.

827-3005 غني توفير خدمات الترجمة بدون أي شرط للحصول على هذه الخدمة المجانيّة ولفهم هذه الإستمارة يرجى الإتصال بمكتب خدمات الطلاب على الرقم 1827-3005.

French: Les écoles de Dearborn vous offrent le service de traduction sans aucune condition. Si vous souhaitez avoir le service gratuit pour comprendre le contenu de ce document, prière d'appeler le bureau de Services aux Etudiants 827-3005. Spanish: Las escuelas de Dearborn aceptan la afirmación de un