



# Steelman- Highspire School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians and community members,

There has been much speculation about what occurred yesterday at Steelton-Highspire Jr./Sr. High School in regards to the fight in the boys bathroom. We wanted to share with you first and foremost that security and safety is our top priority and our staff and students have been working extremely hard to hold each other accountable. The incident that occurred in the building yesterday, September 20th, is an unfortunate one. Our team has met with each grade level the first two weeks of school and laid the foundation with them. Stating that violence in our school will not be tolerated at any level. Whether you are the aggressors, the videographer or an observer, consequences will be given. This situation is no different. These students chose to meet up and fight in a bathroom and ended up hurting one another. The police are involved and extreme measures are being taken to ensure the safety of all of our students and staff.

We would like to clear the air, and assure you there was no ambulance called to the school and no weapon brought into the school. Our school nurses, staff and many students were quick to de-escalate the situation and support the building and its students. There was also no “lockdown”. The building was put on restricted movement so that we could safely move students to where they needed to be, with as little traffic as possible. Students and staff quickly moved to their support spots. The hard work, open communication and support of everyone in our building is what made this situation minimal so that the rest of the building could move forward with their day.

With that being said, it is important that you continue to work with and speak with your students about our cell phone policy and our rules surrounding fighting in the building. We will continue to hold all of our students accountable and will have a zero tolerance for any sort of violence within the building. This behavior is unacceptable and we will pursue extreme measures to ensure it is understood. If a student gets into a physical altercation with another student in the building they will be suspended for 3-10 days and moved to our virtual platform known as CAOLA. Instructional time is essential and our Rollers deserve the best experience that we can provide. We must work together to guide and support each other moving forward.

Moving forward we need to partner, communicate and work together as a united front. Please support our school district by reaching out immediately if you see videos or things happening on social media that involve students. You may email both principals, call the office, or leave a voicemail. It truly takes a village and all of the adults in our student’s lives working together.

*One Team...One Dream,*

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