



PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dr. Lorna R. Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you that it has been brought to our attention, and the media has been reporting this as well, that an online photo sharing website has been posting inappropriate photos targeting and identifying by name teens across Long Island. At this moment we are not aware of any Plainview-Old Bethpage students being posted on this website.

While we are all aware of the benefits derived from the proper use of technology, inappropriate use of the Internet such as this is both extremely disturbing and criminal. It has the potential to create painful permanent repercussions for those individuals shown in the photos, but can also have serious criminal consequences for anyone posting and/or sharing these photos as well.

As partners working together to ensure the safety of our children, I encourage you to speak with your child about this important matter. As parents, it is critically important that you monitor your child's use of the Internet, regardless of their age, and advise them of the lasting dangers associated with posting, viewing and sharing photos of this nature.

Our educators continue to teach our children about the appropriate use of technology and to provide them with the knowledge to protect them from dangerous situations such as this one.

Thank you for your continued cooperation in working together for the benefit of our children. If you or your child believe they may have a photo posted to this website, we encourage you to contact your local police department. If you have any questions, please contact your school's principal or guidance counselor.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lorna R. Lewis
Superintendent of Schools

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