



## Huntington Union Free School District

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James W. Polansky

Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you are likely aware, a serious incident involving students from neighboring districts occurred in the past week regarding the alleged recording and distribution of indecent and potentially illegal activities.

In today's age of technology, sharing information via electronic means has become commonplace, particularly among young people. While the benefits of social media can be numerous, the importance of digital citizenship cannot be overstated nor can the far-reaching and long term impact of what one shares or posts. The effect of distributing inappropriate items can have legal ramifications and/or serve to damage one's reputation, for example, as one applies to college or engages in a search for employment even years later.

While we will continue to look for ways to infuse age-appropriate education on related topics into our curricula and programs, I strongly encourage you to remind your children routinely of the potentially rapid and damaging impact that can follow the inappropriate use of digital communication platforms of any type.

Sincerely,

James W. Polansky  
Superintendent of Schools