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Dear Mount Olive School Community,

As we approach the beginning of a new school year, student safety continues to be a top priority in the Mount Olive Township School District. We are proud to continue our use of the technology platform, "Bark". This monitoring software provides extra protection for imminent alerts where a student or others may be at risk.

Bark monitors students' school-based Google accounts for signs of significant concern such as cyberbullying, sexual content, online predators, depression, suicidal ideation, threats of violence, and more. District security and counseling personnel are alerted via text, phone, and email when an urgent, time-sensitive alert needs to be addressed. Once an alert is received, district personnel follow appropriate district protocols to ensure student and school safety. These protocols may include speaking to students and/or informing parents and/or local authorities depending on the specific alert.

For more information about Bark, including a paid service for families to install on children's devices visit Bark.us or contact the Director of Student Support Services (Jacqueline.Bello@motsd.org).

Sincerely,

Jacqueline Bello
Director of Student Support Services and Programming