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Subject: Working Together to Support a Positive After-School Environment

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are writing to share an important message about our students' after-school activities and how we can work together to ensure a positive experience for everyone in our community.

The Westport Public Library is a wonderful resource located just across the parking lot from Westport Middle High School. Many of our students walk to the library after dismissal to read, study, or spend time with friends. Unfortunately, there have recently been some disruptions both inside and outside the library during these after-school hours that have caused frustration for patrons and staff.

While these incidents are occurring off school grounds and after school hours, we care deeply about supporting positive behavior in all community spaces. We are working closely with the library staff to ensure that the library remains a safe and welcoming place for all.

Here's how you can help:

- **Talk with your child** about respectful behavior when visiting the library and being considerate of other patrons.
- **Remind them** that the library is a shared community space and that appropriate noise levels, kindness, and care for property are expected.
- **Encourage them** to use the library for its intended purposes — reading, homework, research, or quiet social time.

Together, the school and library are developing clear expectations for student behavior, and we will communicate these guidelines with students in the coming weeks. If disruptions continue, the library may contact parents directly, and in some cases, restrict access for a period of time.

Our goal is not to limit student access to the library, but to support them in making responsible choices and enjoying this valuable community resource.

Thank you for joining us in encouraging respectful, safe, and positive use of the library after school.

Sincerely,
Laura Charette
Principal, Westport Middle High School

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Director, Westport Public Library

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