



MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Montgomery Township School District Community,

We are aware of the recent news reports describing allegations involving the misuse of artificial intelligence to create and share inappropriate images of students in our community outside of school hours and away from school grounds. We understand that this situation is upsetting and concerning for many families.

As parents and educators, we share your concern. The safety, dignity, and well-being of our students remain our highest priorities. The type of behavior described in these reports is deeply harmful and inconsistent with the values we strive to instill in our schools and community.

At the same time, we want to be transparent about an important reality: there are strict legal limits on what the school district can share. Matters involving students, especially those connected to an active law enforcement investigation, are protected by privacy laws, including the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and New Jersey's pupil records regulations (N.J.A.C. 6A:32-7). In addition, under the New Jersey School Ethics Act (N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24 et seq.), school officials are required to safeguard confidential information and protect the rights of all students.

Because of these laws, we cannot discuss individual students, confirm details, or provide updates about any potential disciplinary actions. We know that can feel frustrating, but these protections are in place to ensure that all students and families are treated fairly and respectfully.

As this continues to be an active law enforcement investigation, the school district is not able to comment on the specifics of this matter. However, we want to be clear that our commitment to maintaining a safe, respectful, and inclusive environment for all students remains unwavering. We hold high expectations for student conduct and strongly condemn the misuse of technology, including artificial intelligence, in ways that harm, exploit, or target others. We will continue to uphold these standards and work to ensure that every student feels a sense of safety and belonging in our schools.

What we can share is this:

- We are cooperating fully with law enforcement and will continue to do so
- All parties affected by this matter have been contacted and are aware of the investigation
- Student support services are available, including counseling for any student impacted
- We are actively working to strengthen education around digital safety, responsible technology use, and the risks associated with artificial intelligence and social media

We encourage families to take this opportunity to talk with their children about:

- Respect, consent, and personal boundaries
- The permanence and risks of sharing images online
- The importance of speaking up if they see or experience something concerning

This is a difficult moment for our school community, but it is also an opportunity to come together, to support one another, to reinforce our shared values, and to guide our students in navigating an increasingly complex digital world.

We appreciate your partnership, your understanding, and your continued commitment to the well-being of all Montgomery students.

Sincerely,

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