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Good evening, John Burroughs High School Students, Families, Faculty and Support Staff, over the last few days, I have heard many concerns and discussions about allegations of inappropriate behavior among students in our school community. I understand how concerning these reports can be for students and families who are passionate about maintaining a positive culture, safety, and well-being at John Burroughs High School.

We take all concerns related to harassment, misconduct, or student safety seriously. Due to student privacy laws, we cannot discuss specific cases or individuals involved, but we are investigating these allegations. Please know that our administrators work together with district staff to review and address concerns through established procedures.

I also want to recognize the courage it takes for a student to report a concern, whether they have personally experienced something troubling or are reporting on behalf of a friend. It is not always easy to speak up. We are committed to providing an environment where students feel heard, supported, and treated with compassion when they seek assistance.

I want all of our students to know: you matter; your voice matters; your safety matters. All students deserve to be treated with respect, support, and to feel safe in our classrooms, on our campus, and during school-sponsored events.

If you are a student who is feeling anxious, concerned, or unsure, please know that there is support available. Our new wellness center, the Bear Den, opened earlier this month as a place for counselors, teachers, administrators, and other trusted adults on campus to listen and assist. No student should have to deal with difficult situations alone.

We are strongest as a community when we lead with empathy, respect, and care for each other. This is a time to support our students, listen carefully, and continue to uphold the values that define John Burroughs High School. We can hold ourselves accountable while also ensuring fairness, dignity, and due process for all parties involved.

I realize that many families may have questions and concerns. While there are limitations on what can be shared concerning individual student matters, please rest assured that the well-being of our students is always at the forefront of every decision we make.

Thank you for your partnership, your trust, and your ongoing commitment to creating a school culture where every student feels safe, respected, and empowered to succeed.

Respectfully,

Kenny Knoop, M.Ed.
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