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May 9, 2023

Dear Wallenpaupack Community:

The High School Administration is aware of a video that has surfaced that contains footage of a fight that occurred in one of our bathrooms. It is important for our public to know that the High School staff does not tolerate acts of violence in school, and offenders receive consequences for their involvement when these issues arise. In the cases of mutual fights or assaults, offenders receive out of school suspensions and are issued a citation for Disorderly Conduct by our school police officer. These students must appear before a judge who will determine the level of the fine or other consequences in addition to the consequences received in school. If the incident rises to a level beyond summary level or Disorderly Conduct, the incident is referred to the state police where they will charge the student accordingly and proceed.

Pertaining to our most recent fight, the following actions have been taken. On Friday, May 5, Assistant Principal Travis Ey addressed all students during all lunches to remind them of the seriousness of engaging in acts of violence in school. Further, additional supervision in our hallways and restroom areas will help us mitigate this concern. We would like to thank the Board of Education for their assistance in helping us address these issues by allowing us to bring in additional staff whose sole responsibility will be to monitor our hallways and restrooms.

As always, we encourage our students and their families to reach out to us at the High School if you have any concerns regarding school safety. If you prefer to remain anonymous, avenues such as *Safe2Say Something* are alternatives to providing us with important information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christopher Caruso".

Christopher Caruso, Ed.D.
Principal