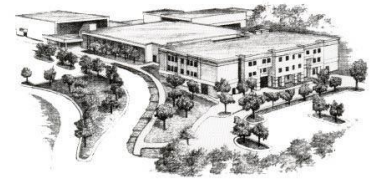


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Dear Newtown High School Student & Parents,

Over the last week there has been an increase in student aggression at Newtown High School. In response to the incident last week we increased our security presence throughout the building, particularly in shared spaces and bathrooms. Today, this approach was able to quickly identify an altercation that took place related to last week's event. Security and administration responded immediately and all students were quickly identified. In collaboration with the Newtown Police Department consequences were issued.

The behavior that was demonstrated by some Newtown students over the past week is unacceptable and will not be tolerated. Newtown High School will continue to issue consequences as established in the student handbook as well as recommend the involvement of Newtown Police to enforce all applicable laws.

In light of recent incidents, all behavioral expectations will be reviewed with students on the morning announcements as well as during an upcoming Advisory lesson. It is crucial that students report concerns to a trusted adult, including administration, or to utilize the Anonymous Alerts app which can be accessed directly from the Newtown High School website or via the mobile app. Additionally, it is important that students refrain from posting or distributing any social media content related to a school incident. This inherently heightens the situation, has the potential to interfere with an ongoing investigation and may lead to additional consequences, not limited to suspensions, loss of extra curricular activities.

The safety of all students is paramount to both Newtown Public Schools and the Newtown Police Department. We will continue to assess safety measures in our educational environments and adjust accordingly.

Respectfully,

Dr. Kimberly Longobucco
Newtown High School - Principal

David Kullgren
Chief of Police - Newtown