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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Clark County School District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department want to raise awareness about the risks of student bullying, which may occur even through electronic communications. Internet and cell phone technology allow for the immediate and public distribution of hurtful or false information, and text messages, e-mails, video files, and social networking Web sites can provide easy and often anonymous ways to abuse or humiliate others.

Bullying and cyber-bullying compromise student safety, and the Clark County School District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department will take disciplinary action against students engaging in this type of behavior. Under Nevada law, it is illegal to threaten "bodily harm or death to a pupil or school employee by means of oral, written or electronic communication" (NRS 392.915), and the school district includes provisions against bullying and cyber-bullying in the policies for a safe and respectful learning environment.

Please talk to your children about the seriousness of bullying and let them know that bullying in any form is not acceptable. Bullying includes such behavior as shoving, kicking, hitting, name calling, racial slurs, put downs, nasty notes, threats, destruction of property, cruel texts or online posts, cyber impersonation, and more.

A student who witnesses or experiences such behavior from others should let you, a school employee, or a police officer know about the bullying. Students need to know that:

- Bullying is a serious concern and not just a normal part of growing up.
- Bullying someone is not funny.
- Students need to report bullying and cyber-bullying to adults.
- The school district and the LVMPD will take the necessary actions to stop these types of activities.

On behalf of the Clark County School District and the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, thank you for talking with your children and doing your part to ensure a safe community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Walt Rulffes".

Walt Rulffes, Superintendent
Clark County School District

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Douglas C. Gillespie".

Douglas C. Gillespie, Sheriff
Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department