November 8, 2019

Dear Corkran MS Families,

I am writing to let you know about an incident that occurred on Wednesday so that you may have accurate information to address it with your child in a manner you deem most appropriate.

Wednesday afternoon shortly before dismissal, I received a report that threatening texts and Snapchat messages were posted about and between individuals at our school and in our school community. The threats were not directed at our school as a whole but involved individuals. Upon learning about the posts, I immediately involved County Police, as well as the AACPS Office of School Security. Since our SRO was not in the building at the time, Police dispatched officers to our school as a precaution and to investigate.

Many of you may have seen the additional police presence at our school and were understandably concerned. To be clear, the police presence was related to an isolated situation that involved individuals and not a threat against our school. Based on the results of the investigation, proper action will be taken in accordance with the law and Code of Student Conduct as necessary.

I wanted to make sure you were aware of this incident so that you can support your child in the way or ways that you deem most appropriate. Please know that our school counselors are always available for students, especially if your child needs to share how he/she feels about this or any other incident.

In addition to our school counselors, staff from the AACPS Office of Student Services, are always available to speak with students and staff about their feelings and concerns regarding the climate of our school. Any safety concern can also be addressed through the Student Safety Hotline at 1-877-676-9854 that can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Callers to that line can remain anonymous.

Thank you for everything you do for your child and our school.

Sincerely,

Adam Zetwick Principal

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