



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our recent Safety & Security meeting for all district parents was well attended, and I hope the information presented by our guest speakers answered any questions you may have concerning procedures instituted throughout the district.

In November each of our campuses will be presenting an assembly dealing with an extremely important topic for our students; indeed, anyone who drives. *Hang Up and Drive* discusses cell phone use, both hands-on and hands-free, as well as texting while driving. Statistics on distracted driving are quite alarming: 23% of all motor vehicle accidents are caused by cell phone use, and an estimated 5,500 people per year (15 people per day!) are killed as a direct result of distracted driving involving cell phone use. Speakers Jacy Good and Steve Johnson have been delivering their message about distracted driving since June 2010, after Jacy was severely injured and her parents killed in an accident caused by a distracted driver talking on his cell phone. We hope their message will resonate with students, and we encourage you to speak to them about this very serious topic.

We will also be hosting a Leadership Conference in November for 120 students representing all three campuses. They will be meeting to develop a school climate goal and action plan to bring back to their campuses as part of our continuing commitment to cultivate a positive school environment for all students and faculty members.

Sincerely,

Howard Lerner, Ed.D.  
Superintendent