

December 20, 2007

Dear [REDACTED] families,

Because the safety and well being of your children is of the utmost importance to us, I am writing this letter to inform you about a recent event that requires your attention.

Earlier this week, while on their way to school, two [REDACTED] students were approached by a white male with red hair and a goatee. The male tried to make one of the students go with him. The student was able to get away, and both are safe.

Because this investigation deals with sensitive information involving a child, we cannot discuss further details of the ongoing investigation. However, we can assure you that [REDACTED] Schools is taking the matter very seriously, and is working closely with the [REDACTED] Police Department. The [REDACTED] Safety and Security Department has requested early morning patrols of the [REDACTED] area by the [REDACTED] Police Department. In addition, since learning of the incident, I have spoken with students many times to review safety procedures.

Please help us help them – remind your child:

- To never to talk to strangers
- To walk in groups
- To have an adult accompany them to and from school whenever possible
- To never get in a car with someone they don't know
- To trust their instincts – if something or someone doesn't seem "right," run away

If your child encounters a suspicious situation, please notify the police – and the school – immediately so they have a record of the occurrence and can proceed accordingly.

If you or your child has any information regarding the above or any questions or concerns, please contact me and the [REDACTED] Police Department immediately.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]

Principal

[REDACTED] Elementary School