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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Prince George’s County Public Schools is committed to providing safe learning environments for all students.

We have recently seen an increase in student conflicts and negative behaviors at Avalon Elementary School that originated on social media sites and through text messaging. These conflicts have disrupted the school day and caused growing concern among our faculty and staff.

This week, our teachers have discussed social media tips with students. We encourage you to reinforce these conversations at home by making sure that your child is not having inappropriate interactions. Monitor your child’s Internet usage, review the content of their various social networking profiles, and learn more about cyber-safety (www.pgcps.org/internet-safety). Also, please have a discussion with your child about how their behavior online can help create a positive school climate.

Our school district believes that technology is an important tool to enhance the educational environment and encourage student innovation. However, please remind your child that using technology to disrupt the school environment or threaten student safety – either on or off school property – can result in disciplinary action, as outlined in the PGCPS Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 301-449-4970. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Veda McCoy
Principal