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Dear Parents/Guardians,

This week we have experienced a rash of false alarms called into the Prince George's County Police 911 Department by students in the building. The police department determined that these calls were made from cell phones. Today, May 16, 2003, was the latest incident. A bomb threat was called into the 911 dispatcher. Officers responded and a search of the premises and its environs was negative. This is a serious situation that must be corrected immediately.

In October 2002, the Maryland Legislature passed a law granting your child permission to have his/her cell phone/pager with him/her in school. The law also stipulates that the cell phone/pager may not be turned on during school hours. We will continue to follow the mandates of the law, however, when emergency situations arise the school must do all in its power to safeguard your child.

Therefore, beginning on Monday, May 19, 2003, all students must register with their homeroom teachers the presence of their cell phones and/or pagers. Failure to do so will result in your child's cell phone/pager being confiscated and turned over to you. A repeat offense will result in a suspension citing insubordination.

We solicit your cooperation in this matter and request that unless it is necessary that you do not permit your child to bring his/her cell phone/pager to school.

Respectfully,

Trevor D. Christopher, Principal

“Failure is not an option.”

