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Dear SCPS Families and Staff,

Stafford County Public Schools' mission is to Inspire and Empower all learners to Excel, and it is something we take quite seriously. Students and staff should be proud to come into our buildings, and should also take ownership of their learning environment. Recently, two issues are permeating through social media that are not indicative of the reputation of our school division.

The "Devious Licks" Tik Tok Challenge encourages students to vandalize and steal objects from their schools and post them in videos on social media. This criminal challenge is now encouraging students to commit random acts of greater vandalism, disrespect, and physical harm on a monthly basis. These events are disruptive to the school community, present a disciplinary and health risk for those attempting to film them and, in some cases, could lead to criminal charges as well as discipline in line with the Student Code of Conduct that all parents and students acknowledge at the start of the school year.


SCPS students represent some of the best in the area. We encourage parents to be mindful of their child's online presence and to talk with your children, reminding them that participation in these challenges is not appropriate behavior.

I have also seen photos circulating of school lunch trays that are not indicative of what is offered daily to our students. Please know that we take matters of this nature very seriously. A complete student meal consists of a protein, grain, two vegetable servings, fruit, and milk. An assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables such as fresh broccoli, celery sticks, sliced cucumbers, carrots sticks, apples, oranges, bananas, nectarines, strawberries, etc. are offered daily at all of our schools. High school students have the option to choose or refuse part or all of the vegetable and fruit servings or milk serving. School Nutrition is addressing these concerns and will also encourage students to select a complete meal including the fresh veggies and fruits.

Further, federal regulations require that schools offer foods that are zero trans-fat, lower sodium, lower sugar and nutrient enriched. In addition, regulations require that foods are at least 51% whole grain and no more than 10% of caloric content from saturated fat. Our School Nutrition employees are conscientious and work very hard in providing our students with safe and quality meals.

The safety and security of all of our students and staff, both physical and emotional, is a top priority as we continue to create a learning environment that cultivates a culture of kindness, inclusivity, and affirmation for all. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,



Stanley B. Jones, Ed.D.
Interim Superintendent