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Edward Wehrer
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Dear Parent or Guardian,

An employee contacted my office asking if the Munhall Police had gotten in touch with us about two separate incidents where students may have been approached by strangers on the way home from school. We learned that no reports had been filed with the police, although posts were made on social media. Because no reports were filed with the police, neither they nor we can say for certain whether or not our students were in danger. Nonetheless, we choose to be cautious with student safety, so we are sending this letter.

If your child's safety is threatened on the way to or from school, then you should contact the police and the school immediately. Neither the police nor the District monitors social media in an attempt to figure out what may or may not constitute an actual incident or a legitimate threat.

With that being said, periodic reinforcement of "stranger danger" with your child is a good habit. Below are some online resources that can help you with this important task:

<http://www.mychildsafety.net/stranger-danger.html>

<http://www.free-for-kids.com/stranger-danger.shtml>

<https://www.ncpc.org/resources/home-neighborhood-safety/>

Your child should:

- Never approach or respond to anyone he/she does not know on the street or in a car.
- Walk to and from school with a friend or group of friends, if possible.
- Be prepared to yell for help, run from a threatening situation, or fight back, if necessary.

Nothing is more important to us than the safety of your children. Please encourage your children to use busy streets such as Main Street and West Street when they walk to and from school. An abduction attempt is less likely to occur on our Safe Schools routes than on side streets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your building principal. Thank for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent