Dear Albion Central Community:

Today I write to update you on two letters I sent last week regarding an investigation by Albion Central School District and Local Law Enforcement. I know that this situation has been unnerving for everyone in our school community. We at school recognize the concerns that many have expressed and appreciate your on-going patience and understanding. As we have noted before, the legal and disciplinary processes, as well as student privacy laws, prohibit us from sharing certain information. Misinformation reported in rumor, social media, and the press makes the situation even more difficult.

The safety of our students, staff, and visitors to campus remains our first priority. At this point, I can share the following:

- three students remain suspended
- our Code of Conduct provides for consequences including suspensions that require a disciplinary hearing process dictated by the state and three hearings are forthcoming
- our School Resource Officer continues his role on campus
- the Albion Police Department continues to provide additional officer patrols on campus
- all teachers were provided guidelines for questions students may have had as they returned to school this week and counselors were available for any who needed them
- our School Resource Officer and Middle School Principal met with Middle School students to discuss their safety
- we continue to pursue the best available safety and security, reviewing safety practices and procedures with
  - staff
  - local law enforcement personnel
  - New York State Police personnel
  - architects
  - safety design specialists

Parents may join us at 7 pm on Tuesday, November 19 in the Middle School Auditorium with school, police, and mental health personnel to review the situation and engage in a conversation designed to assist parents in helping their children feel safe and cope in these uncertain times.

I note again that we are grateful to those students and parents who have shared information they have regarding this or any other possible safety issue. We invite everyone in our school community to share any information they have that causes concern to the appropriate school building or my office.

Again, thank you for your understanding and for sharing any safety issues that come to your attention as together we focus all of our community’s efforts on continuing to ensure the safety of our students.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Bonnewell
Superintendent of Schools

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