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Good Morning, Wilde Lake High School Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

As you are aware, there continues to be concern and tension across the country regarding school violence. Just as concerning are unfounded rumors that are designed to manipulate and promote fear among students, parents, staff, and the school community.

Please rest assured that all threats will be treated seriously and they will be promptly and thoroughly investigated by the school and public safety officials. It is also my commitment to you to get appropriate information to you as promptly as possible. It is important for **all** of us to dispel rumors that could disrupt school safety and operations.

Recently, WLHS staff has fielded several calls concerning rumor of possible violence involving one of our students. The resulting investigation between school officials and Howard County Police Department has uncovered no information that leads us to believe there is any credibility to these rumors.

We are also taking this opportunity to remind parents, guardians, and caregivers to please discuss with your children the importance of not adding credence to rumors, but rather, if they hear something, to discuss it with you, their school administrator, a trusted faculty member, or the police.

Under no circumstances will the HCPSS tolerate anyone creating a climate of fear and concern by starting and circulating rumors regarding violence in order to create tension, fear, and disruption. The Wilde Lake community has worked very hard to provide a safe environment for all of us. Working together, we will continue to do everything necessary to ensure that this safe environment continues to exist.

Respectfully,

Rick

Rick Wilson  
Principal