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Dear Parents:

Yesterday at lunch, a four-year-old Bay View Elementary student showed a few classmates several empty plastic baggies. When this was discovered, the School Resource Officer (SRO) was contacted and confiscated these papers and contacted the student's family. The baggies were examined by the Cecil County Sheriff's Office and no suspected drugs or drug residue were detected.

The school's SRO also contacted Child Protective Services who visited the residence to conduct a home inspection. As a precaution, the school nurse took the lead on making sure students in the class washed their hands and the lunch table was thoroughly cleaned. At that time all parents of the students in this pre-kindergarten class were called by the school administration to alert them to the situation and explain the school's response. They were able to review footage on the security camera and determine that only four to five students were directly involved. When it was confirmed that the items contained no trace of any substance, only the families of students in the class were contacted.

We are aware that it has been posted on social media that there was a student hospitalized for the ingestion of drugs related to this situation. While we are aware that two parents elected to take their students to Union to be examined following the situation, CCPS, the Sheriff's Office, and the Department of Emergency Services have received no official notification from the hospital or any partnering agencies regarding any exposure, which would be typical practice if this was to occur.

As a precautionary measure, the Sheriff's Office K9 unit came through the school late yesterday evening and found no evidence of any substance at the school. The issue of drugs in our community is one that we take very seriously. We are appreciative of the swift response of the Sheriff's Office in responding and partnering with us to thoroughly investigate this issue.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any additional questions regarding this situation.

Sincerely,

John Roush
Director of Student and School Safety