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Dear Venture Academy Families,

We are looking forward to our students' return from October break and are grateful to continue to be able to serve students in person!

As you may already be aware, recent social media trends from apps like Tik Tok have been causing issues on school campuses across the country. Last month, these social media "challenges" targeted school bathrooms and Venture Academy was a victim of these incidents of vandalism. Not only were these behaviors disrespectful to the school environment, but they also carried a financial impact as funds needed to be used to repair the damages.

New social media "challenges" are continuing to emerge and involve a far more concerning trend of physical assault to school staff members or teachers. Please take the time to discuss with your students the seriousness of any actions involving intentional, harmful physical contact with any member of our school community. Students who engage in this type of deviant behavior such as slapping, shoving, or pushing a staff member will face immediate and severe consequences, including but not limited to, suspension, school expulsion, and police involvement for assault.

Venture Academy takes the safety of our school seriously and works hard to cultivate a positive, safe, and respectful environment for both students and staff. We are disheartened that these trends exist and are committed to teaching and coaching our students to become the best versions of themselves. We are grateful for your cooperation and assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Venture Academy Administration



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