Friday, October 1, 2021

CUSD 50 Families,

In the past weeks, we have seen an increase in unacceptable behavior in our schools. It has become apparent that some of these behaviors are motivated by social media. Several social media platforms have encouraged students to take part in trends that are disrespectful to staff, disruptive to student learning, and destructive to our buildings.

As a reminder, student use of electronic devices at school is a privilege, not a right. As outlined in Section 6.3 of the District Parent and Student Handbook, electronic devices may never be used in any manner that disrupts the educational environment, violates student conduct rules or violates the rights of others. This includes recording other students or staff without their permission and recording in locker rooms or bathrooms.

It is important to also remember, when interacting with school employees, any physical violence is treated as a felony. Offenders will be referred to the Harvard Police Department for potential arrest and prosecution. Those who choose to participate in activities or social media trends that violate another person's body will face suspension and potential expulsion from school.

We want to make it very clear that inappropriate behavior at school will not be tolerated. Consequences for misusing technology are outlined in the District Parent and Student Handbook. We appreciate your help in creating a safe and comfortable learning environment for all students.

Sincerely,

Dr. Corey Tafoya
Superintendent
Harvard CUSD 50