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Dear Parents/Guardians and Students of the Sharon Middle/High School:

There has been a rise in violence and reckless, threatening behaviors in schools both locally and nationally. Unfortunately, we have been witness to similar behaviors in our own school and at school activities from not only students, but from some parents/guardians as well. These behaviors are inappropriate, unacceptable and violate the Code of Conduct established by the Sharon City School District. Our goal is to always maintain a safe learning environment for our students and staff, and these behaviors have caused a disruption to the educational environment.

For the safety and orderly operation of the school building, it is essential that students adhere to the rules, guidelines and expectations set forth by the Sharon City School District. Students who engage in any activity or behavior that violates school rules, guidelines, and/or expectations will be subject to disciplinary actions and possible charges by the Sharon Police Department. Reckless and threatening behaviors will not be tolerated. Examples of this include, but are not limited to defiance, ignoring/disregarding redirection by administrators, faculty, and staff, participating in any TikTok Challenge, violence, or improper use of social media inside or outside of the school if deemed an interruption or threat to the educational environment. Students who violate the Code of Conduct will be prohibited from participating in any extracurricular and other school activities and may be placed in the Sharon City Cyber Academy for a minimum of one half of a semester.

The role of the parent/guardian in the education of a child is vital. The support shown for students in and out of the home can have a major influence on your child's academics and behavior in school. Likewise, modeling appropriate communication and conduct is impactful. When visiting the school, calling the school or while at school related activities, parents/guardians are expected to NOT engage in reckless or threatening behaviors. Examples of this include, but are not limited to yelling, swearing, or becoming hostile or confrontational while on school property, attending school events, or while on the telephone with school personnel.

The Pennsylvania Crimes Code makes it illegal to engage in violent, threatening, or tumultuous behavior or to use obscene language or create a hazardous or physically offensive condition. Any visitor to the school who engages in this type of activity will be criminally charged by the Sharon Police Department and will also be placed on a "No-Trespass List", which will prohibit the offender from entering any school district property and attending extracurricular activities that your child may participate in during the school year.

The SCSD is committed to the safety of our staff and students and providing opportunities for student success. I hope you will join us in working towards cultivating a positive environment that our students can be proud of and want to be a part of, both now and in the future.

Sincerely,

Michael Fitzgerald
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