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Good afternoon,

Welcome back to school I hope everyone enjoyed the winter break.

I would like to clarify a story in the Online Barrington Times titled:

Police: Barrington School Emails Hacked

Posted Tuesday, December 31, 2019 10:42 am

At this time we would like to offer some clarification to some information that may be misleading. On Monday, December 23rd someone was contacted via email urging them to send money to a Barrington Public Schools employee. Although the email appeared to be from the Barrington Public Schools, it did not come from the school department. This scam was a combination of phishing and spoofing that originated from a source outside of the Barrington Schools email server, Barrington Schools email was not hacked. Internally, we had previously enabled advanced security settings to help curb the continued rise of these types of scams. I strongly urge people never to send any money to someone without verbal confirmation from that person.

Here are some links to help recognize these attempts:

<https://www.consumer.ftc.gov/articles/how-recognize-and-avoid-phishing-scams>

[5 Ways to Spot a Phishing Email](#)

[Phishing Quiz](#)

Calendar Update:

We have updated the District calendar as a result of the snow day on December 17, 2019. The last day of school for students will remain June 18 and the last day of school for faculty is June 19, 2020

Crosswalk Lincoln at Middle Highway

This week, the State DOT has made changes to the traffic lights at the intersection of Middle Highway and Lincoln Avenue, at the request of the police, town, and school department. The changes were made due to concerns when

pedestrian crossing occurs while traffic is stopped. Now all traffic will be stopped exclusively for pedestrians to cross and a flashing warning sign will indicate when the traffic will begin to move.

CHILD OUTREACH SCREENING

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Much like your well-child visit with the pediatrician, The Rhode Island Department of Education recommends children participate in screening annually at 3, 4 and 5 years old. Because children learn rapidly during these early years, each screening provides families with an up-to-date check on their child's development.

For more information and to schedule a screening please visit the [Child Outreach](#) page on our website, or contact our office at 247-3145.

Have a good weekend and a Happy New Year.

Mike Messoro



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