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Dear Queen Bee 16 Families,

This is an update to a situation that we alerted you about on Saturday, January 27th, 2024. As you know, last week at Glenside a student was attacked by another student, while other students observed and recorded the attack. The faculty and administration responded to protect the victim and clear the scene of the incident. We immediately initiated an investigation and notified the Glendale Heights Police Department, who initiated their own investigation. I can report that the student in the video is physically uninjured and we are working to ensure that appropriate social and emotional supports are in place for them.

We have concluded our school-based investigation, and we can report to you that we have identified the students responsible for this attack. We have no evidence at this time to lead us to believe that this attack was motivated by racial, cultural, or religious intolerance. However, the conduct of the individuals responsible for this attack is intolerable, unacceptable, and inconsistent with the values of our school district and this community.

As a result, we are taking steps to ensure that the students responsible for this incident are held fully accountable to the limit of all relevant laws. It is understandable that members of the community may be frustrated with our limited ability to share details regarding consequences, but I must remind you that all participants in this incident are minor children and are protected by confidentiality laws.

We are thankful for the continued support of the community, and I am confident that we can use this unfortunate incident to reinforce the positive values of our community with our students.

Please feel free to contact my office if you have questions or additional concerns.

Sincerely,
Joseph R. Williams, Ed. D.
Superintendent