wrote:

Thanks for organizing the meeting last night and plan to keep our kids safe. I was there but didn't ask a question about a metal detector being installed at the school. I think there was one at the old high school. If another list or threat in any way that shows up from the same person, is there a ramification for expelletion? I ask because I have a friend that lives in North Attleboro where they found a bullet and a list and that person was expelled immediately.

Best,

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

On Sunday, January 28, 2024, 3:23 PM,

Dear WMS caregiver,

I am reaching out with this follow up email, as your child's name was on a list that violated our sense of safety at WMS last week.

You may have already seen my <u>WMS Family Newsletter</u> inviting all community members to a forum on Tuesday at 6:00pm in the WMS Auditorium. **Please know that you are especially invited to this event.**

I also wanted to let you know before school starts tomorrow, that we are still in the process of making a plan to support our school and the students most directly impacted by this unfortunate event. This means that the student who made this list will not be in classes tomorrow. If your child missed school on Friday and is hoping to re-enter school with less anxiety, tomorrow is a good day to do so.

In our phone calls to you all last week, families reacted differently, including some who did not want to share with their child that they were on this list, which is a completely understandable choice. That being said, we have not had our mental health staff reach out to each student on this list, unless the family or child requested it, because we wanted to honor the wishes of some families to not bring this up with their child. As we make a plan for this week, I wanted to write to offer a check in for your child with a counselor or mental health staff this week. You can write back to let me know if this is something that would be helpful, and we will make sure someone reaches out to your

child early this week.

Again, we are confident through our investigation process with the district's support and in partnership with the Watertown Police Department, that there is not and never was an intention to cause harm. This week, we will be continuing to support students, staff, and families in re-establishing a sense of safety, as we move into a restoration process with our school community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

With respect and gratitude,

Principal

Watertown Middle School

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