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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Recently, there have been several media reports highlighting a trend where children have been creating and sending inappropriate images/videos via their cell phones and computers. It has come to our attention that some students may be engaging in similar behaviors in our community, such as using cell phones and e-mails to send images of a graphic or inappropriate nature. Often, students participate in the sharing of provocative images of themselves and others without realizing the potential consequences. The Bergenfield High School and Middle School communities are working in conjunction with the Bergenfield Police Department to help educate the community about the legal and psychological implications of this behavior.

Possession or transmission of sexually revealing or explicit images falls under the "endangering the welfare of a child" statute in New Jersey. It is illegal to create/manufacture, transfer, transmit, or possess child pornography. The Bergenfield Police Department has notified us that there will be an amnesty period, which will end on Friday, December 19, 2014. After this date, any student found to have created, transmitted or possessed an illegal image/movie may be charged.

The Bergenfield school district and Bergenfield Police Department want all children to understand that this behavior is inappropriate, illegal, and potentially dangerous.

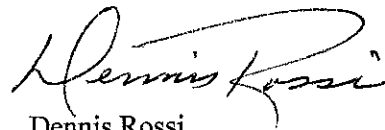
We ask that parents ensure that all cell phones and other electronic devices be cleared of all questionable images or movies. In order for our children to thrive in a healthy environment, the cooperation between the schools, police and parents is vital.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call either the High School at 201-385-8600 ext. 1311, or the Roy W. Brown Middle School at 201-385-8847 ext. 2310.

Sincerely,



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