



## *Hamtramck Public Schools*

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Dear HPS Families,

You may recall my letter from several weeks ago regarding a TikTok challenge leading to damage of school property. Thank you for your attention at that time, but I regret to say, we continue to see such challenges causing disruption across our schools. Thus, I'm writing to you today not only to make you aware of this situation, but to once again urge you to sit down with your child and talk to them about the impact of these challenges on our school community and their academic future.

Social media offers a lot of positives, including allowing Hamtramck families to increase their engagement and involvement in their children's education experience and enabling the district to celebrate our students, families, teachers, and staff. Unfortunately, social media also presents a variety of problems, such as those we've seen recently as a result of these TikTok challenges. While we want learning and school to be fun for our students, we cannot allow activities that cause damage to school property or impede instruction and thus impact student academic, social, or emotional growth.

As mentioned in my last correspondence on this matter, acts of vandalism that violate our board policies and the law will not be tolerated. Additionally, activities that disrupt learning will result in disciplinary action that may result in suspension or expulsion from school, possible fines, and possible legal action. We value the ability of our students to be leaders, and we need them to step up here and do what is right for the entire school community.

In our ongoing commitment to the safety and well-being of our students, we must address this matter before it escalates and puts our students in harm's way. Please speak to your children and



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remind them to be responsible, respectful, and safe. Also, encourage them to report advance knowledge of any TikTok challenges so we can prevent them.

I've said it before and will do so again: Hamtramck has always emphasized kindness, compassion, and good citizenship. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support on this matter and for serving as our partner in your child's education.

If you have any questions, please contact my office directly.

Sincerely,

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