

José Carrión • Superintendent of Schools 25 Corporate Park Drive • P.O. Box 396 • Hopewell Junction, NY 12533 • (845) 298-5000 x40145 • Fax (845) 896-1693

February 27, 2018

Dear WCSD Families and Community:

Please be advised that the families from Van Wyck Junior High School received the following communication in response to an alleged allegation. Our number one priority is the safety and security of all of our students. It is important to note that the East Fishkill Police Department continues to reiterate that "parents have no reason to keep students from attending school."

Message to Van Wyck JHS Families:

Dear Parent or Guardian,

There has been serious concern regarding certain alleged comments made by a Van Wyck student. The East Fishkill Police and school District continue to vigorously investigate these allegations and promise to take swift and decisive action once confirmed.

We completely understand your concerns. The school and District must proceed with diligence to ensure the matter is resolved correctly and justly. We are committed to protecting the safety and the rights of all students in our schools. As stated by the police "there is no reason to keep students from attending school." We encourage all of our students to be present at school. As this investigation continues, there will be a police presence at the school.

Our competent school counselors, psychologists, and social worker are here to help. The District along with the school will provide the necessary supports. Please contact the District and/or school administration at your earliest convenience, should you have any information and/or questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mr. José L. Carrión, Superintendent of Schools

Steven H. Shuchat, Ed.D., Principal, Van Wyck Junior High