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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It has recently come to our attention that a small number of our high school students left campus during the school day without parental permission and entered into the homes and vehicles of an adult member of the community.

During these encounters, some of the students received gifts, were allegedly taken to nearby restaurants, given liquor, and/or cash by the adult(s). Upon learning of these incidents, the District immediately contacted the Suffolk County Police Department.

Parents are reminded that Brentwood High School is a closed campus and no student has permission to leave school grounds during the school day. We encourage you to discuss the serious consequences that may result from poor decision making regarding contact with such individuals. *The police pointed out that the abovementioned encounters are behaviors that frequently relate to actions observed in pedophiles intent on child molestation.*

Any students who may have been approached by adult individuals offering gifts or refuge to them should contact school authorities immediately and report such actions. The District also has an anonymous tip line to report any concerns. The number is (631)972-1555.

The District strives to provide the safest environment possible for our students. With parents, students and school authorities working together, we can achieve this goal. As always, please feel free to contact my office at 434-2325, if your family wishes to offer or request additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Donna Jones'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Donna Jones
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