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Dear Auburn Riverside Parents,

As the week comes to an end, I want to reach out one last time to continue the goal of communicating with and supporting our Auburn Riverside community.

Support for impacted athletes and students continued throughout the week. By Thursday, the need for large group support sessions had waned and ARHS counselors worked one on one with students as a need arose. Sadly, the anonymity of the internet lends itself to negative comments and memes. Administrators spent time investigating and attempting to reduce these issues throughout the week, while at the same time supporting those impacted by them.

Students in classes directly impacted by the week's events were provided additional administrative and teacher help during the day. These classes moved to the library to finish out the week in a more neutral and less emotionally triggering environment. Impacted athletic teams also were addressed in the same way with staffing changes made to provide additional support both individually and organizationally.

On a positive note, seasonal traditions like the annual Elf auction and the giving of Winter Wishes happened this week, putting smiles on student faces. Holiday lights and door decorations are adorning the halls, lifting everyone's spirits day by day.

Again, I share these perspectives on the week with you in hopes you will talk with your student about their perspectives and compare notes. If you hear something different, please share by emailing or calling me so we can address any issues and strive to be better. We understand that even with all of our efforts, there could be further concerns, issues or singular events. Our hope is to address each and every one with clarity, support, and respect for Auburn Riverside students, staff, parents, and our community.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at dhalford@auburn.wednet.edu.

Sincerely,



David L. Halford, Principal



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