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*Dr. Madeline Negrón, Principal*

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Dear Hill Regional Career Parents,

At Career High School, we take great pride in assuring that our students learn in an environment where they feel safe and comfortable. Positive learning environments make it possible for students to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally.

In the last week our school community has been confronted with numerous challenges as a result of inappropriate student behavior on social media. These actions have ranged from making inappropriate written comments, uploading graphic pictures and videos, and exchanging hostile communication; all of these actions have disrupted our learning environment. During our conversations with the parents of students involved in such incidents, a common pattern has surfaced. In each incident, previous conversations have taken place between parents and students. Despite these dialogues, students are now faced with a situation that will have a lasting effect. Please do not assume that these conversations are sufficient. I encourage you to continue to hold conversations about the appropriate use of social media and the dangers of its inappropriate use with your child(ren) and to closely monitor their activities on social media. Be cognizant that these actions constitute cyberbullying. They will be fully investigated and will receive the appropriate consequences.

As a school community, we will continue to broaden our approaches and strategies in educating our students on the long lasting emotional effects that these activities may cause as well as the legal ramifications that come along with them. Furthermore, we will persist in identifying ways to support students in managing themselves in an ever-changing technological world.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Madeline Negrón". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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*Preparing students to be thoughtful, productive and contributing members of their communities.*