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Dear Wayland Union Schools Parents/Guardians,

Recently, there has been damage incurred at Wayland Union High School based upon the Tik Tok "Devious Licks" challenge. Now, it has come to my attention that there are upcoming challenges circulating on social media which may be tempting our students. Apparently, according to social media, each month is scheduled to have a theme, as follows:

October - Smack a staff member on the backside
November - Kiss your friends' girlfriend at school
December - "Deck the halls and show your b\*\*\*" In
school halls (expose your private area)
January - Jab a breast
February - Mess up school signs
March - Make a mess in the courtyard or cafeteria
April - Grab some "eggz" (theft/stealing)
May - Ditch Day
June - Flip off front office
July - Spray a neighbor fence

Please be aware that any Wayland Union Schools student(s) engaging in the above activities will receive disciplinary action according to the Michigan Revised School Code, Wayland Union Schools Board Policy, and/or the Student Handbook. For example, the October challenge to slap a teacher would fall under Michigan Revised School Code 380.1311a, which is physical assault on a school employee, volunteer, and/or contractor. If a student in grades six and above, participates in this action, they will be subject to a permanent school expulsion meaning they could not attend school anywhere in the State of Michigan.

Please talk with your child(ren) regarding their decisions and actions which will impact others. They may consider these actions to be simple pranks; however, these actions will have serious consequences impacting their school career. As Wayland UNION Schools, we must treat others as we would want to be treated. We have the ability to shape our culture and environment. Violence and/or harm to others is not acceptable. Thank you, in advance, for engaging in these critical conversations at home. Our collaboration, now more than ever, is significantly important. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at <a href="mailto:hindsc@waylandunion.org">hindsc@waylandunion.org</a>

Respectfully,

Dr. Christina M. Hinds, Superintendent

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