SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HARTFORD JOINT NO. 1

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CITY OF HARTFORD, TOWNS ADDISON, ERIN, HARTFORD - WASHINGTON COUNTY • TOWNS OF ASHIPPUN, RUBICON - DODGE COUNTY HARTFORD, WISCONSIN 53027

February 24, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Friday, February 21, 2020 the Hartford Police investigated a complaint that a male suspect asked a young boy if he wanted candy from his rear trunk area of his vehicle. The boy said no and the boy's sister grabbed her brother's hand and walked away. The man then got into his car and left. None of the children involved were harmed in any way and officers are actively following up on information related to this incident.

As this is concerning, school staff are being notified to be extra observant and to notify administration of any suspicious activity.

This is also an appropriate time to remind parents/guardians of District procedures used for incidents, whether for important information or emergencies. The District uses its emergency response system – telephone, text and/or email - to notify all parents/guardians of incidents. Parents/guardians may manage their notification preferences/devices through Skyward Family Access. As long as a phone number is in the Skyward Family Access, signing up for text messages is as easy as sending a text message of "Y" or "Yes" to our District's code number of 67587. Additional assistance is available through your child's school office.

Please speak with your child(ren) about safety. Additional tips and reminders in included on the next page.

Yours in Education,

Mark Smits, Ph.D. District Administrator

Safety Tips

Remind your child(ren):

- You should not approach just anyone. If you need help, look for a uniformed police officer, a store clerk with a nametag, or a parent with children.
- It's important for you to get my permission before going anywhere with anyone.
- Pay attention to what people do. Tell me right away if anyone asks you to keep a secret, makes you feel uncomfortable, or tries to get you to go with them.
- Do not accept anything from strangers. This includes gifts, food, drinks, candy and sweets.
- Do not talk to strangers when they ask for directions, ask you to pet their dog or tell
 you a parent is injured or in an accident. (Families may set up a code word to use for
 emergencies.)
- If a stranger approaches you near your school, return to your school immediately and tell a staff member.
- Do not communicate with strangers through text messages on cellular phones or email on the computer. If strangers attempt to contact you through messages on cellular phones or e-mail on the computer, tell the police, a parent, or any other trusted adult.