



Quince Orchard High School

Office of the Principal

September 8, 2023

Dear Quince Orchard Students, Staff, and Families,

I am writing today with a heavy heart, reflecting on the events that unfolded yesterday during an altercation, a physical fight. It is with deep concern and frustration that these behaviors occurred. Behaviors and actions such as this are in direct violation of our school's code of conduct and go against the values and environment we have worked so hard to create here at Quince Orchard High School. I want to thank our students and staff who took swift action to respond to the altercation and to provide support, specifically one student who broke up the altercation. Their actions are commendable and appreciated.

Our school is a place of learning, growth, and respect. It is a community where we foster kindness, empathy, and understanding. Yet, yesterday's actions fell short of these ideals, and it is crucial that we address this matter as a community.

I want to assure you that actions which violate the code of conduct have consequences, not only for ourselves but for our entire school community. Consequences for those who participated, for those who took videos to share on social media, and for those who took the liberty to circulate a video. We will not tolerate these actions and we have utilized the Code of Conduct as our guide for appropriate action.

When we choose to deviate from the principles of respect, tolerance, and responsibility, we undermine the very foundation upon which Quince Orchard High School stands.

To move forward, we must reflect on our actions, hold ourselves accountable, and work together to rebuild the trust and respect that binds us as a community. Let us focus on the positive values that make our school great and ensure that incidents like yesterday's are the exception, not the rule.

Thank you for your support and let us move forward with determination and a renewed commitment to the values that define Quince Orchard High School. Our priority will always be a safe and welcoming environment for all students and staff.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Thomas
Principal