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Dear Parents:

At Inman Middle School we endeavor daily to educate students so that they truly appreciate and respect our diverse community of learners as it is this diversity that is the foundation of Inman's strong record of achievement. In the last week, there have been several images on social media involving Inman Middle School students that have offended members of our community. Some of these images occurred while students were on school-related activities; others were taken and posted away from the school or school-related activities. Inman Middle School takes these incidents seriously, and is actively investigating and will address each of these in accordance with the Atlanta Public Schools Code of Conduct and Atlanta Public Schools Board Policy.

Through morning meetings in homeroom and weekly Social Emotional Learning lessons this year, we addressed a variety of topics including empathy, communication, and problem solving to strengthen our community. A strong foundation toward an inclusive and respectful community has been set over the past two years, and I firmly believe that this foundation will help to make Inman Middle School even stronger in 2017-18. We have and will continue to use this opportunity for education and to remind ourselves that respect and inclusion are central to Inman Middle School's culture. In the coming days, our team will be meeting with each grade level to reinforce our school's key principles.

We continue to encourage parents to closely monitor social media accounts and report any inappropriate content to the school immediately. It is also important to discuss with students both the short-term and long-term ramifications of inappropriate social media posts and comments. Thank you for your continued cooperation as we work together to make Inman a great place for all students.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to either me or a member of my team.

Sincerely,

Emily Boatright
Interim Principal