WELLSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

I am writing to you today as Wellston Public Schools Superintendent. Recently , it was brought to our attention by social media posts that a group of young people-a few current and many past students- were at an off-campus event not sponsored by Wellston Public Schools where behavior occurred that is not condoned by the school district. I appreciate those of you who have reached out to me and our staff to inform us of the actions of our students at the event. We are disappointed and heartbroken by the images.

While this incident occurred outside of school operation hours and off school grounds, they reflect on our community as a whole. Our mission is to pursue educational excellence and share responsibility for creating a safe environment for all and this does not end when the final school bell rings.

While we know this information is spreading online, we ask for your partnership in coming together as a community to be better. Please take a moment to talk to your children about what it means to represent our town and school district with respect and integrity while being out in the community. Let's work together to ensure all members of our community feel safe and welcomed.

We have consulted with school attorneys and will act accordingly to our legal counsel's advice. Under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), student disciplinary records are classified as protected educational records.

Dr. Susan Wray
Superintendent