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Important Announcement from St. Paul Education

Cell Phones and Other Devices with Nude Photos/Videos of Other Students

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Discipline issues continue to arise surrounding students taking, requesting and sharing nude or partially nude photos/videos. As parents and educators, we must remind our children/students that once an image is sent, it can never be retrieved.

The <u>Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act R.S., c. C-46</u> makes it a criminal offense to knowingly publish or share intimate images of a person without that person's consent. Young people, persons under the age of 18, who send or share these types of images may also be criminally charged with making or distributing child pornography.

Digital citizenship remains a part of our Health curriculum, however we continue to deal with students sharing inappropriate images. The consequence for sharing nude or partially nude photos/videos of other students will be a 3-5 day out of school suspension. In most cases, the RCMP will also be contacted. School policies will be updated immediately to reflect these changes.

Glen Brodziak Superintendent of Schools