



## WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learning and Leading for Tomorrow

### Woodhaven Upper Elementary School

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Good afternoon WUE Families,

As shared in the communication from Mr.

Greathead, the arrival process for our school on Monday (10.7.24) was disrupted due to a protestor on the public sidewalk between the entrance of Woodhaven Upper Elementary and Erving Elementary.

We are hoping that this is a onetime occurrence, but if the situation does arise again, we want our full community to know that we are taking every precaution to keep our students safe, and to communicate the value that each of them has, *no matter* who they are.

As a community this is time for us to come together and make sure that we do not allow negativity to trump the vision and mission of our school. Our school is a school anchored in hope, love, and education. We work every day to give our students hope, love them for who they are, and educate them, so they can have the future they desire. We ask that you hold this banner with us by not allowing negativity to dictate our actions and words. The best response for all of us is to not give negativity the attention that it seeks, but instead keep our focus on what we want to teach our children.

If this individual decides again to try to share his message, we will not let that hinder our school day. We have steps in place to ensure students can arrive at school and enter the building safely. We have partnered with the Woodhaven Police Department, and they will be in our parking lots making sure that our students are surrounded in safety. Along with our partners in the WPD, leadership across the district will also be here assisting our students and families as they drop off their children to our school.

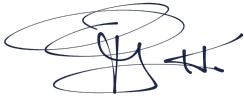
This show of leadership from inside the school district and community, will speak a louder message to not only an individual protesting, but to our world, as they see that the WBSD is committed to value our students and ensure they are safe and able to learn.

Yes, these situations can raise our emotions, and yes, as a parent of WBSD students myself, I empathize with all of you in regards to our children's safety. So, I ask that you join me as the leader of this school and a father myself and help lead

our children in a way that love, hope, peace, and joy, overshadows even the loudest voice of negativity.

Thank you for trusting me with your students, and I hope you have peace in your heart and mind when I tell you, I am here for your child, and will do anything and everything to ensure they are safe, just as if they were my own. Negativity is loud, but positivity is strong. Let's show the world how the community of Woodhaven-Brownstown School District is united.

Mr. Gurganus

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Gurganus', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Roger Gurganus  
Principal  
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