

MESSAGE TO PARENT/GUARDIANS

MARCH 16, 2018

Dear Manning High School Parents & Guardians:

Greetings to you and your family as we enter the Spring of 2018. Allow me to begin by thanking you for all your support and encouragement this year and in past years.

The past few weeks have been challenging times for our nation, our state, our county, and all schools. It is my desire not to continue to stir the emotions we all felt at the loss of life in Parkland, Florida; however, we all were touched. It is at all levels, federal, state, county, city, local boards, districts, and individual schools, we all seek to create not only safe schools, but entire communities where citizens are safe to go about their business.

I am writing to share with you that Clarendon School District Two and Manning High School are committed to working harder to keep our schools safe and make our community a better place than what it already is in the future. It will take some time, but we are researching improvements to access doors, cameras, locks, training for staff and students and more for the near future.

Nevertheless, with all those efforts, a key component in every community across our nations will be parental support and guidance from home. I would ask that parents and guardians “please” support us as we set higher standards. Please read and reinforce our messages and procedures from home. Both Clarendon County Sheriff’s Department and Manning Police Department are fully committed to assisting the schools, businesses, churches and all neighborhoods in maintaining safety.

As principal, I have been asked to help with five areas immediately:



1. Pedestrian & Driver safety along Highway 261
2. Discouraging “teenage loitering”, at local restaurants (McDonalds, Sonic, Taco Bell & Bojangles)

3. "Sagging"
4. Teenage use of profanity
5. Teenage disrespect to authority (store managers, working adults)



Beginning today, I, along with others will make daily PSA (public service announcements) about crossing only at designated cross walks, we will utilize the school SRO near the "red light" at dismissal, MHS staff will assist with more traffic on campus to allow the SRO to monitor the highway. Please be aware, law enforcement may issue citations (fines) for not obeying the pedestrian laws.

In addition, Manning High School will make PSA advising students not to loiter at local restaurants, use profanity in public, or disrespect persons in authority. On campus, we will continue to apply disciplinary actions to students for dress code violations, disrespect and profanity. Recently we increased our inspections of IDs to every class, everyday. Please assist us by reminding you child to display their ID properly.

Finally, I want to encourage you to support your child as our youth have in front of them more opportunities than ever before in the history of mankind. South Carolina, has more colleges, universities, technical schools, than ever before for our youth. There are more technical jobs in our nation that do not require four year degrees than ever before and they are good paying jobs. As we address problems, please do not cease to acknowledge the success and character of our youth that represent the good and greatness of our community and nation, they need our praise also.

Thank you for your support!

Sincerely,

J. Preston Threatt, Principal

Cc: Mr. J. Tindal, Superintendent
Mayor Nelson, City of Manning
Chief Shaffer, Manning Police Department
Sheriff Baxley, Clarendon County Sheriff's Department