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Dr. Phyllis Glassman
Deputy Superintendent

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Re: Protecting Our Children

Dear Parents and Guardians:

As always, we consider the well-being and safety of our children in the District first and foremost in addition to educating each and every child to his or her highest capabilities. We know that in this current year, safety and security stand as paramount concerns for all of us. Thus, I write this letter to reinforce your important role as parents and guardians in ensuring our children's safety beyond the classroom doors.

Recently we have learned of a number of potential child abductions in Westchester County through the media. Whereas the potential abductions allegedly have occurred in towns beyond Ossining, we thought this extra measure of precaution by alerting you to this information would be helpful as you speak with your children regarding their safety.

As you are aware, within the context of our regular instructional program and curriculum, we reinforce issues surrounding safety and security. Yet, it is always wonderful when the partnership between our schools and homes is strengthened on behalf of our children, especially during times of potential need. Thus, I ask that you reinforce with your children the need to refrain from engagement with strangers and report any suspicious episode whereby a stranger may ask a child to enter a car or follow the stranger to a destination.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. As members of the Ossining School District educational community, we all share the responsibility for ensuring our children's safety as well as educating our students to high standards.

Sincerely yours,

Phyllis Glassman
Deputy Superintendent

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Pc: Dr. Robert J. Roelle
Board of Education
All District Staff