



SKYLINE HIGH SCHOOL

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



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Skyline High School has completed a full week of school and I have a few impressions I would like to share:

Skyline teachers are some of the most capable and hard working in the profession. I have seen many of them spending untold hours working to make this year meaningful as they prepare the most effective lessons for students who are learning in-person and at a distance. They are striving to gain insights into best practices for the distance learning modality and I know that it will continue to improve. We have such a great faculty.

Students at Skyline have been so incredibly kind, compliant, and hard-working. I have approached many students individually and in small groups to ask them about their day or to communicate that I am here for them. I have been treated not just kindly, but with real gratitude and genuine friendliness. The students are wearing masks and following the signs outlining changes to their high school experience. I have seen an effort to comply and a willingness to be a part of the solution. I see them anxiously involved in the classroom, focused on learning through hard work and participation. This student body is the best compilation of people and students I have seen.

I've heard from students and their families of their concern for the well-being of their teachers, other students, and their families. It is impressive that we have a community that is eager to rally in support of one another. We have students that come from all over the valley to be a part of Skyline High School. It is wonderful that the vast majority of our school community is so accepting and value each other.

Finally, I am concerned with the improper use of social media by the few who are not representative of our overall community. Here are some guidelines to help us rally together to overcome this problem and rectify any future situations that inhibit the positive nature of our Skyline High School community.

If students or parents identify INSTAGRAM accounts that are cyber-bullying, they can and should report these accounts right away. The school is limited on taking action toward accounts wherein the author is unknown, but police can get a subpoena to get IP address information for accounts that are making criminal threats.

1. Get screenshots of objectionable content. If there are criminal threats, please contact police and school administration. If there is any information on who is publishing the content, please provide that information in the report.
2. Go to the account in question and click on the 3 dots in the upper right-hand corner. This will open a menu that includes the option, "Report."
3. Once you click on "Report," click on the "It's inappropriate" button and arrow.
4. Once you click there, it will give you the option to report a specific post or message, or the entire account. Click on the appropriate report that you would like to make. If there are multiple posts that are threatening or cyber-bullying, please report the account. If you click on this button, use the top option which indicates, "It's posting content that shouldn't be on Instagram."

5. There are multiple options including, "Bullying and harassment." Please click on the appropriate response. If you click on "Bullying and harassment," it will ask you who is being bullied. If it is impacting multiple individuals, you can simply indicate, "Someone else."
6. The final screen is a thank you message from Instagram that then allows you to block or unfollow the account. If you choose either of these, you may not be able to see the content anymore so you can simply slide the screen down at that point and still have access to the account. Please proceed with the option that makes you feel most comfortable.

Twitter and other social media platforms have similar functions to report questionable content. The more reports that are made on an account, the more likely it will be reviewed by Instagram and shut down. Thank you in advance for helping to make these platforms safe for our students.

Skyline High is a wonderful institution of learning and a great place for all to feel part of something. I am so excited to be here and am learning what it is like to be a Skyline Eagle. Thank you all for making me feel so welcome. Thanks for the support you give to our faculty. Most of all, thanks for supporting and raising such amazing students.

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