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Dear Parents,

Last Friday morning, a student reported that a white van driven by a white male, who was smoking a cigar, approached him as he walked on Walnut Avenue in Farmingdale. A second white male, who was sitting in the passenger's seat, asked the student if he wanted a ride and offered him candy. The student walked away and the van turned onto Secatogue Avenue. The student described the van as a fairly new utility (used for work) vehicle with a single round window in the back. The parents of the student have notified the police and the case is under investigation.

It is always a good idea to periodically review safety concerns with your children. Now seems to be an appropriate time. Please have a conversation with your child and remind him or her of the importance of bringing any concerns or information they might have to an adult in school or at home.

Our staff has been given this information. Our psychologists, social workers, counselors and staff are available to assist any student who needs to discuss this or similar incidents.

Sincerely,

Luis A. Peña
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