June 25, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians,

On Wednesday night, June 24, 2020, a social media post by a group of students from Masterman HS and Central HS using misogynistic and sexist language was presented to the CHS Administrative Team. We are fully investigating and will be taking appropriate disciplinary action. The CHS Administrative Team and Masterman's Administrative Team are meeting today to identify all students involved. We are using the CHS Harassment Policy, in conjunction with the School District of Philadelphia (SDP) Code of Conduct to guide us throughout our investigation.

I am asking all parents and guardians to discuss the use of social media and the impact it can have with their children. Students will be held accountable for their posts and videos. It is important for students to understand the consequences of their decisions. Please review our CHS Harassment Policy and the SDP Code of Conduct that are posted on the Central HS webpage.

Ensuring a safe and supportive school environment for all students and staff has long been a goal at Central High School. The fact remains that the CHS Administrative Team and Faculty strongly condemn the use of any harassing language or acts related to race, religion, sex, gender, national origin, age, disability, sexual orientation, and/or personal appearance. We are committed to improving our school community for all.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. McKenna President of Central High School