Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to share with you an incident that occurred today during our Power Hour lunch. Two groups of students were involved in a physical altercation that required intervention from our administration and School Resource Officers. While our students and staff are ok, we have made the decision to end our Power Hour effective immediately. We will no longer offer the one hour lunch block through the end of the school year.

For the remainder of the year, students will be provided lunch in two shifts:

- Lunch starts at 10:15 a.m.
  - 100, 200 Hallways, Performing Arts, and PE report to lunch
  - Lunch A will report back to the 2nd block beginning at 10:40 a.m.
- Lunch B starts at 10:45 a.m.
  - 300, 400 Hallways report to lunch
  - Lunch B will report to the 3rd block beginning at 11:14 a.m.

I would like to take an opportunity to remind our community that any type of aggressive behavior is not tolerated at our school. Please know that all involved in this incident <u>will be subject to the</u> <u>appropriate consequences per the Student Code of Conduct</u>. Furthermore, this incident is not indicative of the way we conduct ourselves at Colonial Forge High School. As Eagles, all of us are expected to carry ourselves with respect, responsibility, and integrity each and every day.

I am asking for your support as parents and guardians. The altercation today was recorded by some of our students. While we have retrieved most of the recordings, we appreciate your support in checking your student devices and removing any related video to protect the privacy of everyone involved.

I am reinforcing the following with students and staff, and as parents and guardians I hope you will do the same with your student at home - we expect respectful and civil discussion and behavior at all times. Resorting to violence is never the answer. The entire Colonial Forge community is committed to upholding a safe and supportive environment. If you or your student feels they need assistance in understanding how to work through reactions to situations appropriately, please contact the school and we will provide appropriate resources and counseling.

We appreciate your patience and support during this time. We look forward to strengthening a collaborative relationship with parents. Again, thank you for your continued support. Please be assured your child's safety is of the utmost importance to Stafford County Public Schools. As always if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 540-658-6115.

Sincerely,

Gregory O. Daniel Principal