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Dear Parents/ Guardians:

We have read your comments from Open House Night. There were some common themes. Most of your comments can be broken into three major categories: Safety, Success, and Relationships. We have decided to make these topics our major focus for the year.

Safety is also one of our top concerns. Here is what we have done at this point. During the first weeks of school, each class discussed conduct, procedures, and expectations. Daily, we practice procedures and go over expectations. We have a STOP, WALK, and TALK program that we discuss and encourage students to use; the program teaches students how to stand up to behavior that they feel is offensive or not wanted.

Another theme that showed up a lot in your comments was success. It is our goal, as a 6th grade team, to help each student reach their goals and improve each trimester. We are hoping to reintroduce our academic warning program. More information to follow on that. We will use our Facebook page to showcase accomplishments, achievements, and events. If you are not a member of our Facebook page, please contact your child's homeroom teacher.

The final theme is helping your child build relationships. We have currently implemented a "Connections" period as the first period of the school day. Every student has a Connections teacher. Classes are structured for a small group setting and incorporate everything for collaboration, group activities, community service, coping and organizational skills.

We are looking forward to helping and watching your child grow this 6th grade year. At any time if you have any questions, concerns, or just want some clarification on something, please do not hesitate to contact one of us.

Thank you,

The 6th Grade Team