

## CONNETQUOT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ISLIP

**Ronkonkoma Middle School**  
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Now that the fall season is upon us, I am requesting your cooperation regarding several matters. Please adhere to school procedures regarding the following:

### **Arrival/Dismissal**

- ❑ Please do not drop your child off at the building before 7:15 a.m. There is no supervision available until that time.
- ❑ Students may not switch buses, ride bikes, walk or go home with anyone else without a signed letter from a parent/guardian to that effect. This letter must be brought to the Attendance Office to be verified by Mrs. Olen.
- ❑ Students should not stay after school unless they are participating in a school-sponsored activity such as: extra help, athletics, extra-curricular clubs/activities, or detention. We encourage our students to be athletic spectators. However, they must go home at regular dismissal and return at game time.
- ❑ Please be sure to sign in at the security desk, in the main entrance, to obtain a visitor's pass upon entering the building.

### **The Learning Environment**

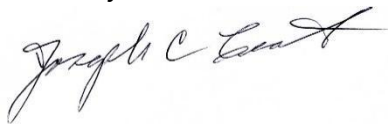
- ❑ Regular school attendance is a major component of academic success. The ability to meet increased expectations and the attainment of academic excellence will surely be enhanced by limiting absences, lateness, and early departures. A copy of the attendance policy can be found on the District's website at [www.ccsdli.org](http://www.ccsdli.org).

- Please do not allow your child to bring non-school related items such as: video games, musical devices, collectible cards, playing cards, etc. These are distractions to your child and others, and the school cannot reimburse you in the case of loss, damage, or theft.
- Laptop computers, tablets and cell phones are permissible. **However, cell phones must not be displayed and must be turned off during normal school hours.** A phone for student use, with a pass from a classroom teacher, is available in the main office. Again, the school cannot reimburse you in the case of loss, damage, or theft of either device.
- When dropping off items of importance or value, such as keys, money, wallets, pocketbooks, etc., your child will be called to the main office and you will be asked to wait until he/she arrives to pick it up.
- Ronkonkoma Middle School is a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave the school building, or grounds, without authorization.

And finally, my last request to you is a more personal one and that is to ask you to support the climate of appropriate thought, word and action we try to maintain here at the Middle School. The way students dress for school imparts a potent message. Clothing that supports negative attitudes or behaviors, and the media figures that glorify them, are not conducive to a caring, secure, esteem-building environment. Metallic jewelry, such as heavy metal chains and studs, can present a significant safety hazard. Also, low-slung pants on boys or girls, and hip-huggers, midribs, and halters on girls have no place in school. Your help in this matter, and discussing it with your child, will be enormously appreciated by myself and all the staff. Together, by our word, deed and role model, we can assist the children in maintaining a safe, comfortable environment built on a foundation of mutual respect.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joseph C. Licato".

Joseph C. Licato, Principal

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