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Dear Parents:

You may have heard rumors of an alleged incident that occurred on last week's middle school ski club trip. I wanted to take a moment to clear the record.

During the ski club's return trip home from Shawnee Mountain it was brought to the administration's attention that there was a potential violation of our substance abuse policy (M5530). The school administration took necessary action to investigate since the ski club is a school sponsored activity. Fortunately, there was no confirmation of substance abuse in this instance.

The occurrence of this event provides us with a valuable opportunity to review the procedures by which the ski club trips operate and we will do so. It also serves as an important reminder for everyone that the ski club and all other school-sponsored organizations and events are subject to Board of Education Policy and school rules. Our policies, procedures and school rules are designed to serve and protect our entire school community. In following policy, school staff are often obligated to investigate and follow up on a host of issues. Among other things, that may include counseling, crisis intervention, sending students for drug screening, bullying intervention and possibly discipline. Ultimately our goal is to maintain the best possible environment for the education, health and safety of our students. We appreciate everyone's help in working together cooperatively to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,

Karen A. Hudock  
Principal