MADISON MIDDLE SCHOOL

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October 23, 2013

Dear Madison Middle School Parents and Guardians:

You may have heard that Seattle police are investigating the case of a man exposing himself to two of our students while they were walking home from school yesterday. According to police the incident occurred in the 4000 block of 44th Avenue Southwest around 2:50 p.m.

Please be assured that we are committed to keeping our students safe while they are at school. We will continue to remind students to report these types of incidents to us immediately, and we also encourage you to discuss personal safety with your children.

It's important that students know that they should get away as fast as they can from adults who make them feel scared or uncomfortable and tell a trusted adult what happened.

During the remainder of this week, staff at Madison will be discussing personal safety with the student body. In particular, classes will be reviewing what to do when a stranger talks with them or approaches them. Our goal is to allow students to talk about their concerns and give them personal safety sills that are useful during the school year and generally when out in the community.

Madison Administrators and Security staff will be monitoring the exterior of the building before, during and after school.

You can also help your children by talking and listening to them. As a reminder, please talk to your child or children about walking in pairs when possible and being aware of their surroundings at all times. We encourage you to be sensitive to your child and to call us if we can help in any way.

If we can provide further assistance, please contact me at <u>rgary@seattleschools.org</u> or 206-252-9200.

Sincerely,

Dr. Robert Gary, Jr. Interim Principal Madison Middle School