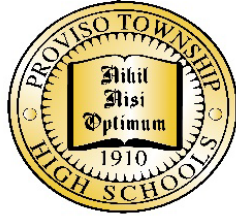


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James L. Henderson, Ed. D.,
Superintendent

Dear Parents and students,

Let me start by saying thank you to the overwhelming number of students who come into our school buildings and conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to positive learning experiences. You are setting the example that all students should model, and I appreciate you for that.

I want to make it clear to all parents and students that we will not tolerate acts of violence in our schools, on our property, or at school sponsored events. To be clear, Proviso East, Proviso West, and PMSA are educational institutions. We fully expect all students to come into our buildings prepared to learn and contribute to learning, every day.

We understand some days will be better than others but using abusive language, damaging property, taking property that does not belong to you, fighting, and bullying one another are not acceptable. These behaviors compromise the safety of our staff and students and offer no resolution to the issues or concerns at hand. Likewise, they will be met with appropriate consequences including suspension, placement in an alternative learning program, expulsion, and criminal charges.

My team and I are here to work with students and help resolve potential issues before they get to the tipping point. If at any time a concern is not being heard, please email me directly at superintendent209@pths209.org or call my cell phone at 708-676-6159.

Let's take this weekend to regroup and come back to school on Monday - and for the remainder of this school year, ready to contribute to a learning environment that promotes equity, excellence, and relevance for ALL students.

Sincerely,

Superintendent Henderson