

New Lebanon Junior/Senior High School

December 14, 2015

## Dear New Lebanon Families:

A parent reported to me today that a week and half ago, a man driving a blue pickup truck was observed by a student suspiciously traveling back and forth down a back road as the student was walking to his bus stop. The man, described as having white hair and a short white beard, pulled up to the student and attempted to engage the student in conversation. Law enforcement was notified by the parents upon learning of the incident.

The incident above provides an opportunity to remind all of our students to be vigilant about their safety when out and about. We are asking that our parents and guardians help us reinforce this message by speaking to your child/children about strangers and how to avoid potential dangers.

## Please remind your children to:

- Avoid walking alone and walk in groups whenever possible.
- Not talk to strangers.
- Run away and immediately tell a trusted adult if approached by a stranger.
- Never get into a vehicle of someone you don't know.

As always, timely reports to school officials with regard to student safety concerns are encouraged, as it aids in our efforts to ensure that our children are protected from harm. Thank you for your continued partnership in support of our New Lebanon youth. Have a wonderful holiday.

Sincerely,

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