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Dear CSP Families:

On behalf of the faculty and staff of Chesapeake Science Point, I would like to extend our best wishes for a Happy New Year. As we are all acutely aware, no individual or organization is exempt from violence and the dangers which persist in our world. We are fortunate to live in a community where so many have dedicated their lives to serving the public and committed their lives to maximizing the safety of our local community and the world around us. Please know that as a school, we are committed to creating a safe environment at CSP where students can thrive and prepare for their awesome futures.

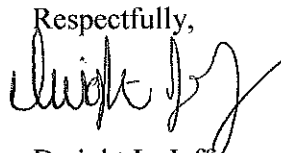
As such, we have always maintained a philosophy and commitment to ensuring every interaction is respectful without exceptions. We do not simply teach "tolerance." I believe it is even more critical for each individual to feel valued and respected for who he or she is and to help each person to achieve his or her full *human* potential. Hate, bigotry, violence, and other toxins have never had a place at CSP.

While every individual deserves support and our commitment to maximize their academic and social-emotional growth, certain behaviors cannot be tolerated from members of our school community or those who would choose to disrupt or jeopardize the safety of our school community. CSP and Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS) are planning to practice scenarios throughout 2018. We practice evacuation drills, lockdowns, and other safety protocols with the hope we never have to use them; however, we must be prepared. Working with the AACPS Security office, Anne Arundel County Police and Fire, Fort Meade, and others, our team will be conducting a variety of drills at our school beginning in February. I will alert the community whenever possible and share the results of our drills as appropriate.

Please have a conversation with your children about the necessity to cooperate with our drills. Every student, athlete, musician, and performer knows the value of well-practiced exercises in preparing for actual events.

In this day and age, many recognize the potential value of social media related to managing emergency situations. I do believe many still misuse the Internet and social media accounts; however, I will be increasing our appropriate use of social media at CSP.

I am looking forward to continuing to work with our entire school community to maximize opportunities for our students.

Respectfully,

Dwight L. Jefferson
Principal