



## JACKSON SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents/Guardians of Eighth Grade Students:

The time of year has come upon us to prepare for the end of your child's middle school experience. It feels as if it was yesterday that your child walked into McAuliffe as a sixth grader, and here we are today. As you can understand, this time of year is often a trying time in keeping the students engaged in academic rigor and maintaining a positive cooperation for the school code of conduct as outlined in the student handbook.

In an effort to maintain a high level of order for instruction and cooperation from our student body, we have followed a disciplinary program of social probation for our eighth grade students. This concept came about over thirty years ago in a joint effort by faculty, students and administration. We understand that our eighth grade students are getting ready for their high school experience; however, we still need to complete the end of this school year and continue to work in all academic and elective classes.

Social Probation is a tiered process for disciplinary consequences. This time of year provides our students with a variety of privileges such as participation in athletics and after school activities, an eighth grade field trip to Frogbridge, the 8<sup>TH</sup> grade dance and Promotional Ceremony. **Beginning on Monday, April 1<sup>th</sup> any eighth grade student who receives Out of School Suspension, In-School Suspension, or 3 or more After School Detentions as a disciplinary consequence will also be subject to the four steps of social probation as listed below:**

- Step 1: Exclusion from all after school & evening activities including team sports.**
- Step 2: Exclusion from attending the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class trip to Frogbridge.**
- Step 3: Exclusion from participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance.**
- Step 4: Exclusion from participation in Promotional Ceremony.**

The above is assigned progressively; however, egregious code of conduct infractions may result in the exclusion of more than one activity.

My hope and expectation is that all students will work to have a positive end of the school year and enjoy the exciting activities we have planned for them. We will need the assistance of our parents and guardians in helping our students continue to make positive decisions regarding behavior and adhering to school policies and procedures. Please discuss the information in this letter with your child.

Sincerely,

Michael T. Saulnier  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade Vice Principal