



# OCEANWAY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

We are providing you with this letter to notify you of an incident on campus and the measures taken to maintain a safe and harmonious learning environment for students at Oceanway Middle School.

On Thursday, March 4 during lunch time, four students became involved in a physical altercation. School security and staff responded quickly and separated the students. All those involved will be disciplined according to the student code of conduct and their parents and guardians have been notified. Unfortunately, some students attempted to create additional racial tension as a result of the altercation. To ensure the campus remained safe, increased security and district personnel were present at the school Friday.

Duval County Public Schools is proud of its diverse student body and is committed to fostering an environment where diversity and cultural differences lead to understanding and not conflict. To that end, school administrators are planning several activities for the remainder of the school year that will help to address and rectify these challenges.

We recognize that your contributions as parents and guardians are so important. As a result, we encourage you to take some time to discuss this incident with your child while emphasizing his or her role in keeping Oceanway Middle School a safe and effective learning environment that respects all students.

Sincerely,

Tonya A. Marx  
Principal