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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Central Middle School has always pledged to create a safe stimulating environment for all of its students. In an effort to continue to improve our school climate, members of the CMS staff have worked diligently to continue our work on Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS). We are entering our fourth year of this program. Our main focus is to create a positive school climate that fosters cooperation, academic excellence, respect, responsibility, and safety.

During the first few weeks of school and various times throughout the school year, our students will be learning about PBIS and its expectations. The PBIS Committee created this program to promote the core values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, and SAFETY for all students and the entire CMS community.

In the last few years our PBIS program displayed posters in every classroom, restroom, hallways, stairways, and computer lab, updated and tweaked handbooks, created a quick reference guide for staff to streamline information, increased use of Charger Bucks, and established a creative partnership for incentives with our school store. This year we are focusing on bringing PBIS into the classrooms, with each grade level or Team developing a Classroom management plan that will be consistently implemented with all students. All staff at CMS has agreed to take time to teach their students the positive behaviors they are expected to demonstrate at school. They have also agreed to acknowledge and reward students who consistently demonstrate these positive behaviors.

Please take some time to review with your child the positive behavior expectations described on the attached matrix. Ask your child questions to make sure he/she understands the expectations in different environments around the school. Please discuss the importance of these concepts and encourage your child to keep **DOING AND BEING THEIR BEST AT CMS!!!!**

With your continued support and **ACTIVE** involvement, there is no question that Central Middle School will continue to be the place where students can excel in a safe and stimulating environment.

Respectfully,

Central Middle School Staff