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Dear High School Parents,

It is important to inform you of a disciplinary situation we have been working on for the past few weeks in the high school which has led to the expulsion of two students from our community.

By policy, it would not be appropriate to share the precise details of the investigation, which is still ongoing. But, I can tell you that we have learned that there were students in our high school involved at various levels in the sale, distribution, and use of drugs – primarily marijuana – on campus during the school day. Such actions, as you can imagine, are in prodigious violation of ASW's rules and policies.

We are aware that students are often in an experimental phase of life at these age levels and drugs and alcohol are alluring. In fact, there might be parents who condone experimentation or usage as a product of cultural differences and the different laws in countries of origin. However, setting aside the students' and families' personal choices and differing cultural backgrounds, there is irrefutable evidence that use of these substances by school aged children has absolute detrimental impact on their growth and development.

Therefore, and in accordance with the laws of Poland and our rules, items of this nature have absolutely no place on this campus, and we are dedicated to making sure that our Pre-K through 12 campus is protected accordingly.

Parallel to our investigation is a discussion by members of the administration, faculty, and counseling staff about our curriculum and approaches to these issues, and how we can better educate our students and community members. I entreat you to discuss these issues with your son or daughter, and have an open discussion about the repercussions and consequences of experimentation or usage. Similarly, we intend to inform additional families of information we have gleaned in our investigation of other students' purported involvement. While we may not have sufficient information to take disciplinary action in all cases, we do have a responsibility to keep parents informed of student behavior, no matter the source of information, if the student's wellbeing is in jeopardy.

In the coming days and weeks, I will do my best to keep you informed of any developments with regard to this situation as appropriate. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to HS Vice-Principal, Mrs. Laura Berntson.

Best Regards,

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