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 Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to you today as part of our ongoing effort to keep the children of Glen Ridge safe from all types of harm. The Police Department has seen a significant increase in the number of reports involving the taking and sharing of provocative images.

We are aware that students participate in the sharing of provocative images of themselves and others without realizing the long-term consequences.  Once an image is transmitted over the Internet or via cellular telephone, it may never be retrieved. Furthermore, these photos, even if taken in jest, may fall into the hands of child pornographers.

I urge you to ensure that your children do not possess any photos of this nature on his/her cellular telephone(s), computer(s) or online accounts, and encourage you to speak with your children about the seriousness and potential danger of incidents of this nature.

Working together we can help to ensure the safety of all the children in our community.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at (973) 748-8400 x 110 or directly by email at sebyron@glenridgenj.org

Yours in law enforcement,

Sheila Byron-Lagattuta

Chief of Police