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Dear All,

There seems to be a great deal of confusion regarding the events that took place at Donegal High School on Friday May 26, 2017. In response to the questions here is a timeline of the actual events that took place.

1. On Friday morning before school a student invited other students to meet in the Commons to focus on 'positivity' before the official school day began.
2. Mr. Felix and this student along with others met before school to talk and work together.
3. A group of students gathered in the commons area of the high school and conducted a discussion which lasted past the homeroom and study hall period. When this session ended Mr. Felix directed students to please return to homeroom which was extended for attendance purposes. The students who returned to homeroom will not be considered absent.
4. Students shared their heartfelt comments during this two-hour period of time.
5. Most of the students returned to homeroom, some decided not to return to homeroom. These students were advised that their time out of class would be recorded as an unexcused absence. Some students stayed for both period 1 and 2.
6. Just before the conclusion of Period 2 students were given direction to either return to class for periods 3 and 4 or they were asked to call their parent/guardian to gain permission to leave or for the adult to pick them up.
7. Students who left received an unexcused absence for the day and are not able to make up school assignments. This information was shared with them prior to their decision.
8. All students who were present during their lunch period had an opportunity to eat lunch.
9. The remainder of the school day proceeded as planned.
10. We are making plans to continue the conversation with students during the summer months.

Sincerely,  
John L. Felix, Jr.  
Principal  
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