Good Afternoon SW Family,

This is Dr. Richmond with three additional announcements that I am more than happy to tell you about.

-This Friday, our students will be presented an engaging presentation and be part of a conversation, with The New Cool Movement, led by Founder, Executive Director and Radio and TV personality Busta Brown and Organization President Jeremiah Jett. They are dedicated to igniting positive change within our community. They will be collaborating with High Point law enforcement, city officials and local leaders to address the urgent concern of youth crime in our schools and communities, through impactful discussions with our teenagers.

We seek to:

- 1. **Raise Awareness: ** Educate students about the far-reaching implications of youth crime to inspire them to drive positive change.
- 2. **Foster Dialogue: ** Establish a safe space for students to voice concerns, share thoughts, and brainstorm innovative solutions related to youth crime.
- 3. **Promote Youth Involvement: ** Empower students to actively engage in crime prevention initiatives and contribute to community safety.
- -Our 1st Semester Awards Ceremonies will take place on Wednesday January 24 for 8th grade students and families, and Tuesday January 30 for 7th and 6th grade students and families. The ceremonies will begin at 5:30pm each night. These ceremonies are invite only, so if your student is receiving an award, he/she will receive an invitation to awards night. I look forward to celebrating our students.
- -Did you know that every night in Greensboro, more than 900 people go to sleep homeless in shelters, under bridges, in the woods or in cars?

FBLA will be hosting a Winter Wear Drive for the homeless from January 16th – January 26th. We will be collecting new or clean gently used hats, scarves, and gloves in the main commons. All donations will go to the Interactive Resource Center to benefit Guilford County homeless population. Please help us give the gift of warmth to the homeless. Our donations represent the heart of SWMS community.

Have a great rest of the evening!

Dr. Richmond