## Regional School Unit 83 Maine School Administrative District No. 13

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Dear Parents, Students, Staff, and Community Members,

MSAD 13 is asking for your assistance in preventing serious physical harm to students in our communities. The school has become aware that students in grades 3-9 are engaging in dangerous physical fighting at the Quimby field and basketball courts after school and on the weekends. Several students have presented physical signs from participating in these fights, including black eyes, marks around their necks, cuts on their fingers, etc. The school has reason to believe that metal bats, sharp objects, etc. are being used during these physical altercations. There have also been a few reports of students choking each other until they turn blue.

Due to the high risk of students being seriously injured the district has made the decision to notify all parents, staff, and community members. The school has also notified law enforcement. Please be aware and monitor your child/ren accordingly. No one wants to see a child seriously injured. If you have information regarding this behavior, please contact the Somerset County Sheriff's Department at 207-474-9591 or call 911 for further assistance.

Our goal is the safety and well-being of our students. Please help us keep all our students safe.

Sincerely,

Sandra MacArthur

Superintendent of Schools