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PROMOTES A LOVE OF LEARNING, EMBRACES INDIVIDUALITY AND DIVERSITY, AND
BUILDS A FOUNDATION FOR LIFE-LONG LEARNING FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY.

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This letter serves to inform you of the Canton Public Schools' policy regarding the use of physical restraint. Consistent with the Massachusetts Department of Education regulations regarding the administration of physical restraint in public schools, the Canton Public Schools only administers restraint on students when needed to protect a student and/ or a member of the school community from imminent, serious, physical harm. The Canton Public Schools has developed a policy and a procedure manual to ensure the proper use of restraint and to minimize any harm to the student as a result of the use of restraint. An emergency response team has been trained at each school in the use of the Crises Prevention Institute certification training. These individuals are required to be re-certified annually. In addition, the restraint policy is reviewed annually with all faculty and staff as required by the Department of Education.

If you should have any questions or concerns relative to our restraint policy, please feel free to contact your school principal. A complete copy of the Canton Public Schools Physical Restraint Policy and Procedures is available at each school's main office for your review.

Sincerely,

John D' Auria, Ed.D.
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