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Parents and Guardians:

Our community has been suffering from the loss of two Brookhaven police officers. We have witnessed an emotional week of mourning, and our city will no doubt continue to grieve this great loss for some time.

This past Friday, October 5, 2018, the Forest Hill High School band performed a questionable halftime show on our field in which toy guns were used as props. Students in the band were pointing the toy guns at other students who were dressed as police officers. The Brookhaven School District does not condone the portrayal of violence against law enforcement officers or any other group of citizens. It was a shock for everyone to see the visiting team's halftime show.

Since Friday night, the Superintendent of Jackson Public School has reached out to us to apologize for the distasteful show. Because of the nature of social media, this performance has gained a great deal of attention from national news outlets. As this unfolds, I want our families to know that our main focus is the safety of our students. I encourage you to speak with your children about the situation and reassure them that anything they see on the news and/or social media does not reflect the beliefs and values held by the Brookhaven School District.

I appreciate the trust that you have placed in us to keep your children safe, and I do not take this lightly. The safety and education of our children is our first priority. My door is always open, and you are always welcome to call or email any concerns that you may have. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Ray Carlock
Superintendent
Brookhaven School District