



September 23, 2022

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I want to make you aware of incidents that occurred in Mine Falls Park. The Nashua Police Department has alerted us of a suspicious male approaching teenagers while they were in the park, none of whom were harmed. Part of the park is located behind Nashua High School South and utilized by our students as a way to get to and from School. Additionally, the park is used for school athletic activities.

The district is taking every precaution to keep our students safe at all times. For example, during athletic activities, students are always in groups when in the park and each group is required to have at least one cell phone with them.

I would like to urge all parents to stress to children the messages surrounding safety, as we will continue to do while they are in our care.

- Don't talk to strangers.
- Don't take anything from strangers.
- Don't go anywhere with someone you don't know.
- Stay more than an arm's reach from strangers. If you are approached by a stranger, seek help immediately.
- Trust your instincts, if you feel you are being followed or something is not right, seek help immediately.
- Use the buddy system, avoid walking anywhere alone.
- Review contact telephone numbers (911 or NPD 594-3500) and home safety practices.
- When seeking help, always go to a trusted adult, school administrator, teacher, coach, police officer, other parent, or older siblings.
- If a stranger grabs you, do everything you can to stop him or her from pulling you away. Drop to the ground, kick, hit, bite, and scream. Do whatever it takes to attract the attention of others who can help you.
- Report any suspicious activity to your local school and police department.

Please rest assured that the safety of all students and staff will always remain the top priority of our district.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mario Andrade', is written over the printed name and title.

Mario Andrade, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools