

# WORTHAM INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Wortham ISD parents and guardians,

While we know that social media is popular among all ages, and when used safely and responsibly, many of the apps are fun and harmless. However, the social media app TikTok recently hosted a video that has been the source of a viral “devious licks” challenge. This challenge has resulted in a trend of students stealing items from schools and vandalizing facilities, primarily restrooms. Unfortunately, Wortham ISD has not been immune from this challenge. We have seen bathroom soap dispensers pulled off walls and fire alarm covers removed as part of this social media frenzy.

We are now seeking your help to stop this type of activity in our facilities and community. Our principals have addressed the issue with students on the secondary campuses, and we ask that you talk with your kids and explain that this challenge is not a harmless prank; it’s criminal behavior, and destruction of school property will result in serious consequences. Please encourage your child to be socially responsible and avoid these types of harmful challenges. I’m also including a link to provide you with some information and talking points regarding social media challenges.

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/viral-youtube-challenges-internet-stunts-popular-with-kids>

Thank you for your help in addressing this destructive trend. Please let us know if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melissa Bosley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Melissa Bosley  
Superintendent, Wortham ISD

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