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Dear Niu Valley Parents & Guardians,

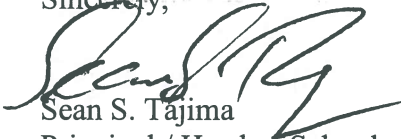
In order to help us promote safety on campus, skateboards will be considered contraband and will no longer be allowed on campus beginning October 13, 2014. For Quarter 1 we allowed students to carry their skateboards on campus without riding them. Unfortunately, students continued to ride them around campus. Due to storage issues in the classrooms, it also presented a tripping hazard.

Skateboard lockers were considered but are very expensive. This would be a sizeable investment that will only be used by a handful of students. Therefore, we are not planning to use school funds to invest in that. If you would like to donate a skateboard locker, we would gladly accept that. We would be looking for a skateboard locker that accommodates around 10 skateboards, where students could lock and secure their skateboards. On average, a skateboard locker with those specs would cost around \$1000 & shipping & installation. Please let me know if you are interested in donating this to our school.

Although we are not responsible for incidents outside of the NVMS campus, we do care about our students' safety. We have received numerous complaints about our students (identified by NVMS uniforms) riding their skateboards recklessly and endangering others as well as themselves. I ask that if your child rides a skateboard, that you please speak to them about traffic safety with regards to how their ride their skateboard.

For those who currently use a skateboard to get to and from school, you may consider other options such as parent transportation, city bus, or riding a bicycle. We appreciate your support in promoting safety on campus and for your children. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call us at 808-377-2440.

Sincerely,


Sean S. Tajima
Principal / Head of School

