



Floyd County Public Schools

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To all Parents and Students of Floyd County High School:

In researching the cause of the pornographic video clip being shown at a student club assembly last Friday at Floyd County High School, we found that a five second video clip of a pornographic scene was unknowingly saved to the hard drive of the laptop computer assigned to the club sponsor. This occurred in the summer time, off school grounds during non-school hours. We determined that the club sponsor was not directly involved and we firmly believe that the club sponsor did not have any knowledge of this occurring. Furthermore, we have not found any evidence of other staff members or students involved from Floyd County High School. Finally, there was no evidence of any additional pornography on this computer.

In explaining what happened at the club meeting last Friday, this laptop computer was set up with the intentions of playing a DVD video on drunk driving. The DVD video was originally played using the Windows Media Player software. Within a few minutes into the DVD, the video stopped functioning properly. In an attempt to continue playing the DVD, Windows Media Player was closed and another software media player, Real Player, was opened. Instead of playing the intended DVD, when the play button was pressed, the inappropriate video clip was displayed because Real Player played this saved video clip by default.

We have taken this incident very seriously and will continue to investigate. Further, we will continue to look at additional ways to safeguard all students from being exposed to inappropriate materials in the future. I know we can continue the mission of demonstrating our strong values and providing quality instructional programs within Floyd County Schools.

Sincerely,

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Floyd County Schools

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