

Responding to social media posts is a lot like playing the arcade game Wack-a-Mole. One can quickly get stuck in an endless loop of trying to dispel misinformation and/or publicly debating a topic. One person posts something that may or may not be accurate and 100 more people weigh in on the topic. Misinformation spreads like wildfire. Additionally, while the public is free to post anything that comes to mind; school staff members have legal restrictions on what we can share. I want to be an example to students. I teach that just because something is posted does not mean it is true. I teach that face-to-face conversation is a more effective means of communication. I challenge students to check themselves before posting. Do they know 100% that it is true? How do they know they have all of the facts? Is it kind? Is it necessary? Consequently, I choose not to respond to social media posts concerning DMS operations. I encourage you to call me directly if you have questions, comments or concerns. I am always willing to listen and am open to ideas on how to improve our school. 706.657.6491. (Mrs. Beeler)

