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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has come to our attention that TikTok accounts are being created with the explicit purpose of sharing negative opinions about specific Niu Valley Middle School students. Some accounts have been deleted however new ones are being created in their place.

We encourage you to ensure your child is not following these types of accounts or contributing to the vitriol being spread by these accounts. Please discuss with your child (children) the negative consequences that following and contributing to accounts like this has. We want our students to support each other and stand up to cyberbullying.

In the past, with other social media accounts like this, it has been challenging to get them taken down or identify the creator(s) of the account. Please help us by reporting negative/bullying accounts. Our understanding is the more reports that are received, the sooner TikTok/Instagram etc. may disable the account.

Here is a resource for further information: Parent's Guide to Tik Tok

Thank you for your support.

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