



ATHOL-ROYALSTON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The Athol-Royalston Regional School District is committed to providing challenging educational experiences that inspire students to acquire the knowledge and skills to become responsible citizens in the global community.

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Dear Parents/ Guardians,

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This morning an Athol elementary student was approached by a man while walking to school in the Wheeler Street area. The girl ran and was able to remove herself from danger. She immediately reported the incident to her Principal. The police were notified and responded to the school.

The individual who approached the student is described as a white male wearing a Bruins logo shirt and a red, white and blue baseball cap. He was driving a grey king cab pickup truck with New Hampshire license plates. The truck had a large yellow and white sticker decal on the hood.

During the day today all elementary and middle school students reviewed stranger safety with guidance, teachers and principals.

This evening we ask that all parents take a moment to discuss safety procedures with your child/children. Some suggestions are:

- walk in groups of 2 or more
- be aware of your surroundings
- walk only in well-lit areas
- know where your children are at all times

Please refer any questions concerns to your child's building principal.

To report information on the individual described above please contact the Athol Police Department at 978-249-3232.

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