Dear Parents,

In the neighboring Comsewogue School District, students and parents have identified incidents involving a suspicious blue mini-van, with a driver reportedly trying to lure students towards the van. Full details of this incident can be found in the Port Jefferson Patch: http://portjefferson.patch.com/articles/comsewogue-district-vigilant-after-students-harassed-by-suspicious-blue-van

Please take this opportunity to speak to your children about the importance of “stranger safety” and how to react if they are approached or made to feel uncomfortable by the actions of an unknown person. As always, students are encouraged to stay in groups. Younger students should be supervised by an adult while at the bus stop or during the walk to school.

Finally, if any concerns such as this occur within our district, please be sure to contact your child's building principal or my office directly. In a community such as ours, vigilance and sharing of information can go a long way to insuring the safety of others. We are also working with our bus company and the Suffolk County Police Department to further insure the safety of all of our children. While there have been no incidents reported in Port Jefferson, being proactive is always the best plan.

If you have a specific question, please do not hesitate to call my office directly at 791-4221.

Regards,
Ken Bossert, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools