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Earlier today, the District received notification from the Middle School that a student reported a suspicious vehicle in the area of Susan Drive in Wading River.

The student reported that a white 4x4 pickup truck with tinted windows slowly approached her. The occupant of the truck (a man with salt & pepper hair and a mustache) motioned as if to throw something at the student. At that time, the student was struck by a small rock. After the student was struck by the rock, the occupant of the truck smiled, and quickly drove away. Shortly after the incident occurred, the student reported that the truck returned and drove by once again.

The student was interviewed by Middle School Staff, and examined by the school nurse. The student's parents were also notified, and advised to file a report with the local police precinct.

Our students are taught to be on guard about suspicious behavior, unwarranted and unsolicited contact. Students are also taught safety procedures at school bus stops, on playgrounds and in situations where supervising adults may not be immediately present. We will reinforce the critical importance of taking proactive measures to ensure students' safety and we ask that you do the same at home.

If you have any information on this matter, please contact the Suffolk County or Riverhead Police.

I thank you in advance for your help and assistance in keeping our community safe.

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