**Talking Points for all Staff Regarding Incident at PHS**  
Monday, December 9, 2019  
(Please refer media inquiries to Aimee Gordon, director of communications, at 253.358. 6931)

**INCIDENT FACTS**

-On Friday, December 6, a student was injured by another student in ceramics class with an art tool. No other students were injured in the incident.

-Administrators and school security acted swiftly and decisively to control the situation and the other students in the classroom.

-The Pierce County School Resource Officer responded to the school and an ambulance was called to assess the injured student.

-One student was transported to a local hospital and was alert and speaking with medics. The other student was removed from campus by law enforcement.

-As with all matters of student safety, we take this situation seriously and will take appropriate disciplinary actions. Police will conduct a full investigation of this incident.  
  
-Confidentiality laws prohibit us from releasing the names of the students involved in the incident.

**TIPS FOR COMMUNICATING WITH STUDENTS**

-Be deliberate in your choice of words when speaking with students about what happened. What you say may…  
 -Hinder learning  
 -Put others in crisis mode  
 -Put our school community at ease knowing this is a safe place to learn

-Reaffirm their safety and your commitment to a safe classroom.

­-Remind students to practice good digital citizenship and the dangers of spreading gossip or speculation on social media.

-The opportunity to talk about the incident should be directed to our school counselors. We have extra counselors on campus today.

-Respond with facts and one voice using the information provided above.

-Please contact your administrator with additional questions or support you may need.