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Dear Parents:

I am writing to let you know that a television station from Calgary was at our school today to pursue a story about a recent high school Social Studies project. As part of meeting a curricular objective connected to Propaganda, the Alberta Education curriculum supports an activity suggested in an approved textbook, where students create posters depicting extreme views to show the impact of propaganda on populations of people. The resulting student posters, which were displayed as a set of classroom work, were photographed out of context by an unknown person and sent to the media outlet.

We worked with the media today to clarify the intent of the project, but once they left the school they spent considerable time stopping passersby for comment. Their presence near the school did not interrupt classes and the school day continued as usual, but the length of their stay may have caught your child's attention and we wanted to provide you with an explanation directly.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information. Thank you.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'George Thomson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a horizontal line.

George Thomson
Principal
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