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Happy New Year, and I hope you enjoyed time together with your students during Winter Break.

I write to let you know that an article about the investigation into past sexual misconduct at MHS will be published in an upcoming issue of *Vanity Fair* magazine. As part of our commitment to working in partnership with you, we wanted to make you aware in advance, so that you have an opportunity for discussion with your students.

Though we have not seen the article and do not know its contents, given some of the other articles that have already been written about this matter, we can surmise it will contain information that students, families, and the MHS community at large may find upsetting. At the same time, as with any press about the School, there are likely perspectives and information that may not be reflected in the article's content. Consistent with our practice, the School did not respond to specific questions or share information about former students or employees with *Vanity Fair*, though we did provide a statement.

This afternoon, I also learned that the legal complaint against Miss Hall's regarding past sexual misconduct has been amended, and that is likely to generate additional press. We recognize that media articles often leave people wanting more information and seeking answers. We will continue to support our community and answer what we can.

As a reminder, we have many resources available for students. Advisors, school counselors, and other trained adults are available to talk with students individually and in groups to address their questions or concerns about what they read. In addition to our counselors on staff, all Miss Hall's students have access to UWill, a network of licensed therapists who can provide mental health and wellness support 24/7/365 via telehealth, expanding availability to counselors outside of the School and beyond MHS counseling hours. We have also included links to resources at the bottom of this letter.

There is no doubt that navigating this situation is challenging; but it does not take away from the learning taking place every day on campus. Faculty, coaches, advisors, and other Miss Hall's adults remain 100 percent committed to providing a transformative academic experience and inclusive community for all students, and we remain focused on the safety and wellbeing of our community.

Please reach out to your student's advisor, one of the Deans, or to me with questions or concerns, as always. Thank you for your care and partnership.

Sincerely,

Julia Heaton  
Head of School

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## Resources for Families

**Child Mind Institute:** [Helping Children Cope After a Traumatic Event](#)  
**American Psychological Association:** [How to Talk to Children About](#)

[Difficult News](#)

**Stop It Now:** Possible Reactions of Non-offending Parents and Caring Adults

**SAMHSA:** Tips for Talking to Children After a Traumatic Event

**RAINN resources for parents:** [rainn.org/safety-parents](http://rainn.org/safety-parents)

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