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The North Little Rock School District is rich in tradition. This school district, with the support of this great community, has a number of annual celebrations that are circled on everyone's calendar and to which students, parents, and community members look forward. It is what makes North Little Rock a special place to live and to be educated.

One of the decades-old traditions, started by students, in our district and community is Senior Roll Night. This is an annual custom which takes place the night before the first day of school. This is when our incoming seniors roll the houses and lawns of our incoming juniors with tissue paper. Seniors consider this "prank" to serve as the official launch of their final year of high school. When the sun rises the next morning, it is hard to ignore the seniors' work from overnight.

Unfortunately, in recent years, what used to be viewed as clean fun has turned into a dreaded nightmare for many NLRSD families and community members. On the morning after Senior Roll Night, homeowners wake up to more than tissue paper. They discover utter property damage, including unsanitary trash, household objects, and other acts of vandalism that require costly repairs.

The NLRSD, the City of North Little Rock, and the North Little Rock Police Department (NLRPD) have all joined forces to remind seniors and their families that we do not encourage this activity, and damage to property will no longer be tolerated. Senior Roll Night is not an event sponsored by the school district, the City, or the police department. The NLRPD has received complaints over the years from homeowners of destruction to property, vandalism, and trash dumping during Senior Roll Night and have asked them to stop it all together. Some families have already called NLRPD in anticipation of this event. Please know that officers will be conducting extra patrols on Roll Night – August 13, 2023. Again, the NLRPD is highly encouraging seniors and their parents not to engage in any activity that causes damage to property or causes an extreme inconvenience to homeowners.

Anyone who is caught committing these destructive acts may be subject to being cited criminally for their actions.

Traditions can be fun and can create memories. We hope that NLRSD students, particularly its seniors, will not perform in any activity that could put a stain on their final year of high school.

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