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Dear students, staff, parents and community members,

In the wake of a recent threat to school safety in our community, I want to assure you that we take the safety and security of our students and staff very seriously.

From the first word of concern, we have worked with our local law enforcement to take precautionary measures to ensure the safety and well-being of our students. Staff and administrators were in constant communication with local law enforcement, and we sent continuous updates as more information became available.

At the beginning of the school day, yesterday February 15th, we had no credible threat. In these instances we worked closely with law enforcement and take direction from them in regards to student safety. As soon as we were aware of credible information we took action and provided you with the information that was known to us at that time. Due to the on-going investigation, I am not able to release additional details.

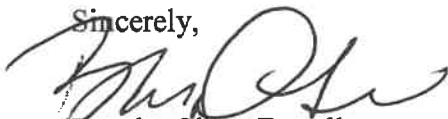
An arrest was made, and there are no additional concerns on the part of law enforcement. There is no credible threat at this time.

The safety and security of students is always first and foremost on the minds of school administration and law enforcement. We will continue to ensure all of our students feel safe in our school buildings. I wish to thank the local law enforcement agencies, the school administration, the faculty, and the students for their response and support. In the coming days, we will be sending out information about a school and community forum that we will be hosting to discuss the events that have taken place and our response.

Extra counselors are available on-site today, and mental health first aid will continue to be provided. During the break next week counselors will be available at the high school Monday-Friday from 9:00-11:00 and all day on Wednesday.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns. The students are all of our students, and we will always work to make sure they are safe and supported.

Sincerely,



Brooke Olsen-Farrell
Superintendent of Schools