

STERLING JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL

HOME OF THE BLACK BEARS
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #376



May 1, 2023

Dear 7th & 8th grade parents:

Today, three JH students confided in trusted adults that one of their peers made a substantial threat against classmates and against the school. We have taken steps in accordance with policy and with state and federal law to ensure our students are safe and our faculty secure.

While this type of situation occurs frequently in other districts, it is an extreme rarity in Sterling. I want to assure you, and your students, that tomorrow will be as safe as any other day at SJSHS. Confidentiality limits the information we can provide, as does the fact that this situation is part of an ongoing police investigation. But please know that my daughter attends school with your students and I'd not place her in a situation I felt was unstable or that places her in danger.

We are planning for a regular day of school tomorrow, save for a brief meeting with students in the 7th and 8th grade during first period to answer their concerns and to assure them of their safety in our building. Being safe is different from feeling safe and we want both for our students and staff, as well as for parents to feel safe sending their children to school.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me. If your student has reported that they have first-hand knowledge of yesterday's events, please encourage a visit with myself, Mr. Laudermilk, or Mrs. Wohler.

Thanks you for your confidence in Sterling USD #376 and our staff, each of whom have the best interest of your student in mind.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Bressler".

Phil Bressler, SJSHS Principal