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This is a follow up to the recent event at New Hampton High School. After the event, the district's Crisis Team met to conduct a review of the district's response, the feedback received, and the actions going forward. After this review, the district remains confident that there are no known threats to the safety of the students and/or staff in the district. In addition, as a result of the review, we will make some changes to our communication procedures.

We will continue to use the district's App, the district's social media outlets (Facebook and Twitter), and the district website to convey all information as we've done in the past. We will limit push notifications from our App to more urgent items such as weather delays, schedule changes, and of course emergency notifications. Our hope is that fewer notifications will let everyone know that when a notification is received it is important. Finally, we have added the ability to send direct text messages to our parents and have streamlined the process to send emails to parents on a district-wide basis. Our hope with all of this is to get the information out as quickly and efficiently as possible when an emergency occurs.

Parents, we need your help. On Monday, October 3rd around noon, we will send out a test message via email and text. If you do not receive an email and/or text message that day, that means your information is incorrect in Powerschool. If you don't receive an email, please log into Powerschool and verify your email address. If you don't receive a text message, please log into Powerschool and verify that the phone number listed as your "Home Phone" is a cell phone number that you want to receive text messages at. If you don't want to receive a text message simply leave it as a landline or leave it blank; however, if you have an email listed, you will still receive an email. You may then put your cell phone number in a secondary phone field. If you have any questions or difficulties with this, please contact the building office where your child attends.

Thanks again to the parents and community members who reached out with concerns and questions. Also, thanks again to the New Hampton Police Department for their assistance with this matter. Keeping everyone safe is a top priority for the district. These incidents are something we hope to avoid, but when they occur we will always take the time to learn from them so we can improve our procedures going forward. Working together we can keep everyone safe.

Sincerely,

New Hampton Community Schools

"The mission of the New Hampton Community School District is to empower all students to succeed in a changing world"