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Dear Tonawanda City School District Students, Families, and Staff:

Earlier this evening, our district was notified about a concerning social media post on Snapchat that appeared to show a student and a weapon with a reference to "school". We are aware that this post may have been shared among some of our students from the MS/HS building, including awareness of this post by parents and community members.

Upon notice of this post, our district immediately engaged in our school safety plan and investigation processes for these types of concerning matters. Over the past several hours, our district with the partnership and support of the Tonawanda Police Department has fully investigated this post, the people appearing in the post, and their parents/guardians. The investigation recovered the item from the post which was a toy. The item has been turned over to the Police as they continue their processes.

In an effort to remain as transparent as possible with our school community, I am writing this evening to share with you that this post and comment was not deemed a credible threat or viable concern for school safety by the Tonawanda Police after their investigation. I wanted to share with you that we take EVERY alleged comment and safety concern extremely seriously. We follow our safety and security protocols every time a concern is brought to our attention. Our district and Police Department will do everything within our power to ensure that our schools and surrounding community is and remains a safe and secure environment for our students, staff, and community every day.

School disciplinary action along with law enforcement action will be taken as appropriate. At no time today or this evening, was there any immediate danger to any student or staff member. The partnership we have with the Tonawanda Police Department and the procedures that we have in place have allowed us to fully investigate and handle this situation swiftly and thoroughly resulting in our continued confidence that our school district is a safe and secure environment for students, staff and our community.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation. As always, please feel free to contact your school principal or my office should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Timothy A. Oldenburg, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools