



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Marauder Families and Staff,

We are aware that a screenshot from social media has been reported and it is currently being investigated by several area school districts, including Ovid-Elsie. We are working with our local police department and the Clinton County Sheriff's Office on this matter. Although we have heard of no direct threat to our school, we take all matters of safety and security seriously.

The Clinton County Sheriff's Department has offered to provide a police presence on our secondary campus. The officer will be patrolling the parking lots and also walking the hallways on a regular basis. The District will remain in a heightened secure mode throughout the day.

At this point we have no additional information but wanted to communicate with you in a timely fashion. It is always a parent's choice if they would like to keep their child(ren) at home or pick them up from school.

We will communicate as needed and we will be as transparent as possible. If a credible threat or even a joke is made towards Ovid-Elsie Area Schools, the District will do everything in its power to pursue charges against the individual or individuals involved.

We also wanted to remind you about the OK2Say program. OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K-12 which enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff, or other school employees.

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The nationally recognized program is run through the Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, local law enforcement, and community mental health. Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

- Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
- Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)
- Email: ok2say@mi.gov
- Website: ok2say.com
- OK2SAY Mobile app: Available in the [Apple Store](#) or [Google Play](#).

Here is a link to the [OK2Say flyer](#).

Again, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority and we encourage everyone to be proactive in helping us deal with these situations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Ryan L. Cunningham, Superintendent, Ovid-Elsie Area Schools