



Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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Dear Marauder Families and Staff:

Out of an abundance of caution and transparency, we reached out earlier today to share a report of a potential threat of violence to several area school districts. Although we had no direct threat to our school, we entered into heightened security that included having local law enforcement on our campuses.

Those threats have been deemed “uncredible”. We are thankful that our neighboring schools are safe and that the communication between district officials was open and transparent as we worked together to try and put these matters to rest.

We take all threats seriously; making threats is a crime. Please speak with your children about the seriousness of making or sharing threats. Law enforcement and school leaders will investigate every threat and take whatever action is warranted to protect our community. The consequences of any false threats should also be explained. Making threats of violence against a school is a crime - even if the threat is false or a “joke,” and sharing or posting unknown threats is extremely traumatizing. Under Michigan law, anyone who commits a False Report or Threat of Terrorism is subject to penalties that include a 20-year prison sentence and/or \$20,000 as well as reimbursement for expenses incurred from the violation. Using a computer to commit a crime in certain instances also contains a 20-year maximum penalty. I encourage you to please speak to your children and assure them law enforcement will investigate every threat and take necessary action to protect our communities.

We respectfully ask our students and community members to report any threats on social media platforms or text messages by contacting the Clinton County Sheriff’s Department at 989-227-6580 or use the confidential reporting tool [OK2Say](#). We understand the very real pressure and fear that our students are feeling and know that our parents and staff are equally concerned. We remain committed to our relationship with local law enforcement, who take every report or rumor seriously and investigate immediately. If you see something, say something.

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Ovid-Elsie Area Schools have had long-standing emergency plans for protecting students, staff, and visitors. We will continue to utilize our local police departments and the Clinton County Sheriff's Department in the coming weeks, as needed. Further, we will continue to collaborate with the Clinton County Office of Emergency Management to set forth the procedures and planning guidelines for responding to emergency situations.

Again, the safety of our students and staff is our top priority. We will continue to communicate with you through our messaging channels. Thank you for your understanding and support of Ovid-Elsie Area Schools and I wish you a great weekend.

Sincerely,

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