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Adams Central Families:

This notification is to provide an additional update regarding yesterday's student safety concern at Adams Central Community Schools.

Even though it has been determined and continues to be reaffirmed that there is no current threat to the health and safety of staff and students, the following update is meant to provide parents with additional information pertaining to the recent statement that has caused alarm in our school setting and local community.

In the morning hours of Monday, December 6, 2021, a group of high school students was discussing song lyrics that in certain contexts have been associated with the Columbine High School attack that took place in 1999. During the course of the conversation a statement was made that "*students should stay home tomorrow.*" Even though the student in question denies the comment was stated in a threatening manner, the student has been removed from the school setting while school officials determine the next appropriate measures.

This morning, I was made aware of continued social media discussions, primarily on Facebook, that have added information that cannot be substantiated by Adams Central Administration. Only the information provided by official school correspondence has been substantiated. It is my hope that members of our community realize that unproven social media posts or comments can have the effect of inciting additional, unnecessary complications for our students and community.

After consulting with law enforcement, I am encouraging anyone who has information regarding past, current, and/or future school safety concerns to contact school administration as well as to call police directly using 911. Individuals may also access the SRO confidential reporting form at <https://www.accs.k12.in.us/page/mshs>.

Respectfully Submitted,

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