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## Office of the Superintendent

Dr. Chris Pearson

December 15, 2021

Dear Families and Staff of all Secondary Schools,

This letter is in response to rumors of school violence in the region primarily in middle and high schools. The purpose of this letter is to provide additional information. These rumors are being spread on social media and have reached Marysville.

As an example, this morning Marysville School District security was made aware of social media posts that were concerning. Law enforcement was contacted and the reports have been investigated. The Marysville Police and District Security have determined that there are no credible threats at this time. If anything changes or we are made aware of any new information, we will take immediate action and communicate directly with our families through our regular communication platforms.

Our commitment to the safety of students and staff is central to who we are. We take all reports seriously and follow the necessary steps to ensure the safety and well-being of each individual.

When reports such as these occur it provides each of us an opportunity for learning. We ask our students and families to contact us directly at any time if you are concerned about something you read, see, or hear. Our schools and the district also have reporting tools available through SafeSchools at <a href="https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/">https://msvl-wa.safeschoolsalert.com/</a> which is accessible 24/7.

We remain committed in our work to ensure the safety of each student and to educate our students to report concerns immediately to their parents or guardians, their teachers, or school administrators. We encourage our families to talk together about their feelings. This will help us to take immediate action where needed and can help squelch rumors that spread quickly in online forums.

As always, counselors and school staff are available to talk with or support students as needed. Thank you for your continued partnership and support. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact our Student Safety and Security Department at (360) 965-0130.

Sincerely.

Dr. Chris Pearson

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