



## **HARVARD COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 50**

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Harvard Families,

A Harvard High School student shared with the administration that a TikTok video is circulating, claiming school violence will be seen on Friday, December 17, and students should stay home from school that day.

We have learned that this message is being circulated nationally and is not specific to Harvard. Since the tragedy at Oxford High School in Michigan, there have been hundreds of copycat threats nationwide, including some local incidents that led to arrests of students.

We have shared this concern with the Harvard Police Department, who plan to enhance their surveillance digitally and in person. We want to make it known to all our community that while no threat has been made to Harvard, we are treating this very seriously. The safety of our students and staff is our highest priority, and we'll make sure to do our best to make tomorrow as safe as any other day in our schools.

I would like to thank this student for bringing this to our attention. Please continue to share any concerning information with building or district administrators to work with the local police department. This TikTok video is cruel and meant to cause panic and disruption in anxious people in a time of great uncertainty. Please be confident that we always take situations like this seriously and will do everything we can to ensure tomorrow is another great day in CUSD 50.

Thank you!

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Harvard CUSD 50 Superintendent