



# KELSO SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear KSD Families,

We are aware of a rumored threat circulating on social media at the national and regional level. Below is some information.

## What was the threat:

- There was a post shared on TikTok warning people of a possible school shooting and/or bomb threat across the USA for Friday, December 17. The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend and did not originate in our school district.

## What is the school doing about this threat?

- While we do not believe the threat to be credible, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking it seriously.
- Additionally, the district has been in contact with the Kelso Police Department regarding the post. They have confirmed there is no specific threat to Kelso schools.

## Is this a real threat?

- In most cases, these posts turn out to be non-credible threats where students did not intend harm. However, in every case, we have a duty to immediately respond and assume that a threat could be credible until the investigation is complete.
- Students will often say the threat was a joke. I want to make it clear, the safety of our children is not a joke. **We take every threat seriously.** The Kelso School District and Kelso Police Department partnership works diligently and collaboratively to ensure threats are investigated.

## What can I do as a parent?

- We ask our families to monitor their children's social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online.
- Even if they are not credible threats, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for our students and families. Please have conversations with your child about online safety.

## What do I do if I hear about a threat?

- If you or your child become aware of any potential threat posted to social media or anywhere else, please notify a school staff member or trusted adult right away.
- Report any threats or safety concerns to the: [Kelso School District Anonymous Security/Safety Reporting Form](#) (also on our website under 'How Do I') or KPD at 911 or 360.423.1270.

By working together, we can continue to ensure a safe learning and teaching environment for all students and staff. If you see something, say something.

Sincerely,

Mary Beth Tack, Superintendent  
Kelso School District