



WESTVIEW SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Families,

The Westview School District has become aware of a troubling post that is being shared this week on the social media platform Tik Tok. The post refers to a threat to school safety "for every school in the USA, even elementary." on Friday, December 17. The post appears to be part of a national Tik Tok trend. 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 Newton County Sheriff's Department regarding the trending post. We may have an increased security presence in and around our building on Friday as an added precaution.

This situation serves as a good example of why it is important to avoid sharing posts online that refer to school safety threats. Even if they are not credible threats, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for our students, families and staff. We ask our families to monitor their children's social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online.

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.

As always, thank you for your partnership as we work to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Misty Hailey
Westview C-6
Superintendent