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TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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I am writing to inform you and not to alarm you. MVTHS 201 has been made aware of a circulating TikTok post with a nationwide "school shooting and bomb threats for every school in the USA even elementary" that will supposedly take place on Friday, Dec. 17, 2021. **The original post is general and not directed at a specific school. So far, the origins of this post are unknown and there is no indication this post is within our district, community or even the state.**

This information has been shared with our District and school administration, our SRO Steve Barton, and other law enforcement officials. **I am sharing this notice out of an abundance of caution and as a precautionary measure. Again, there has been NO threat against MVTHS 201.**

Here are some key points about making good decisions and easing these concerning feelings:

- Be sure to report any concerning message you hear or see in person or online to a trusted adult, school administration or staff member, or police.
- Please do not promote social media rumors, instead, tell us.
- If you feel uncomfortable about something you read, something you hear, something you see please, report it so we can do something about it.
- Know who is connecting with your children online and set rules for social networking, instant messaging, e-mailing, online gaming and using webcams.

MVTHS 201 is committed to keeping our schools a safe place for learning, and we will work together to continue to keep it that way.

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Melanie Andrews

Superintendent

Mt. Vernon Township High School 201