

FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT #40



Today,

Our Superintendent received an email from the executive director of School Administrators of Montana about a troubling post that has been shared widely this week on the social media platform TikTok. The post refers to a threat to school safety “for every school in the USA, even elementary schools,” on Friday, December 17.

The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend and did not originate in our school district.

While we do not believe the threat to be credible, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking it seriously.

We have also contacted MSGIA, who is our property liability insurance holder. They have forwarded the information to their crisis management partner who has the capability to monitor social media threats to school.

Additionally, the district has been in contact with our SRO and the Missoula County Sheriff’s Department regarding the post. We may have an increased police presence in our buildings 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,

Les Meyer

Superintendent of Frenchtown School District # 40

