



A message from the Superintendent

Dear staff, parents, and community members,

TikTok Challenge: Law enforcement and school administrators nationwide have seen an increase in the number of social media posts threatening school violence. While Shawnee Local Schools was notified of an indirect threat against schools nationwide, we have not received a direct threat. After hearing of the most recent TikTok threat yesterday, our administrative team and local law enforcement agencies began taking proactive steps to ensure the safety of our students and staff. Our team has been reviewing our Emergency Operation Plans since the beginning of the school year. These plans are made in collaboration with area emergency responders and are submitted to Ohio Homeland Security for further review.

You, our community members, are able to assist us in our safety efforts by monitoring your student(s) social media accounts. Report concerns immediately to authorities or use the Safer Ohio School Tip Line (information is available on our website) for anonymous reporting. Reporting the information to proper authorities will ensure that it can be thoroughly and appropriately investigated. Sharing posts on social media does not guarantee proper authorities receive the information and may increase anxiety.

We appreciate the concerns and awareness our community has shown in response to the nationwide concerns today. We will continue our efforts to keep Shawnee a safe environment for our students and staff.

Wellness reminders: Our nursing staff has asked that we share some wellness reminders this holiday season. Please continue to monitor your children(s) symptoms. Stay home when sick (cough, body aches, chills, sore throat, shortness or breath or loss of smell/taste), running a fever and/or diarrhea. Seek medical advice when needed. We are in flu season with numerous viruses among us. Please remember to wash your hands. We will continue to do our best to maintain a healthy environment through increased cleaning and sanitization.

Some reminders when we return to school: students shouldn't be texting you to pick them up from school when they aren't feeling well. They should be seeing the nurse who will then contact you, if needed. Should your child be picked up from school without seeing the nurse, you may be asked to follow-up with a note from the physician in order for them to return. Thank you for your continued efforts in helping to keep our district safe and healthy!

Have a wonderful holiday season,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jude Meyers".

Jude Meyers
Superintendent