

GENEVA AREA CITY SCHOOLS BOARD of EDUCATION

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Geneva Community,

This letter is to inform you of the series of events over the past 20 hours and reassure you of the safety of our students and staff. Last evening I received an email from the Ohio School Safety Center. This was sent out to all schools informing us they had confirmed several posts regarding school threats for today. It also stated, "...OSSC is unaware of any information indicating credible or a specific threat to schools in Ohio. However, we encourage vigilance and the reporting of any threats or suspicious activity to authorities for vetting and investigation. Out of an abundance of caution we are sharing this information to raise awareness about these nonspecific potential threats." In order to pass along this information to all of you, I posted it on our district website and social media sites. I was also in contact with our School Resource Officer last night and determined that we would have additional police at our buildings today as a precaution. While there were no direct threats made to Geneva Schools, we wanted to put in place this additional measure to make sure our students and staff were safe.

This morning, I received notification of a post which was circulating that mentioned threats to a variety of non-specific schools. This was forwarded to our School Resource Officer as well. At that point, since the elementaries were not in session yet, I asked the principals to do an all call reassuring parents we were aware of this situational threat and that additional police would be around.

In checking in with the Middle and High School, and learning more information, we then decided it would be best for those two buildings to do an all call as well. Throughout the day I was in constant communication with the principals, visited all the buildings and checked in again. Therefore, I just wanted to recap these events and let you know we felt this was handled in an appropriate manner, and want to thank law enforcement for their extra presence today. All children were safe which is of course our first priority and we will continue to deal with any information as we are made aware of it.

Cordially.

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Superintendent