

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

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O-E Families,

We want to thank you for your cooperation and understanding during last week's lockdown at the middle school. At this time, we would also like to provide the following update:

Police officers and school officials conducted a search of the middle school and no firearms were found. Based on the results of the search, it was determined that there was no imminent threat. The investigation into this matter is ongoing as we continue to work with law enforcement to determine who was responsible for making this threat and take action to hold them accountable. We ask that you continue to talk with your children regarding the serious nature of this situation and encourage them to report any information related to this event. If you have any information to offer, please notify the school immediately. Moving forward, we will communicate as needed and we will be as transparent as possible. School counselors will also be available to meet with students and provide support.

Additionally, we would like to remind you about the OK2SAY program. OK2SAY is a student safety initiative available to Michigan students in grades K–12 which enables students to confidentially report potential harm or criminal activities aimed at students, teachers, staff, or other school employees.

The nationally recognized program is run through the Michigan State Police, state agencies, schools, local law enforcement, and community mental health. Tips can be submitted 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week.

- Telephone: 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
- Text: 652729 (OK2SAY)
- Email: ok2say@mi.gov
- Website: <u>ok2say.com</u>

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OK2SAY Mobile app: Available in the Apple Store or Google Play.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Please help us by being vigilant and proactive in providing the safest environment possible. Here is a link to the <u>OK2Say flyer</u>.

Sincerely,

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