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Parents,

In an ongoing effort to make Galatia CUSD #1 schools as safe as possible, we are announcing the opening of a school hotline. This line can be used anonymously to report any suspicious activity deemed a threat to the school or students. The greatest defense we have in preventing school violence is being prepared and knowing ahead of time of possible threats against our schools. If you see a post online with threatening statements or hear of threats, you can call the tip line and give as much information as possible. Every threat will be treated as serious, and authorities will be contacted when appropriate.

In addition, the hotline offers counselors who are trained to work with issues dealing with depression and suicide. The attached pamphlet is a useful guide to refer to when making a decision to call the hotline or not. When in doubt, please call the hotline. It is much better to investigate and find nothing than not to have reported, and have an incident happen.

Finally, I am going to offer a school and technology safety presentation on Monday, March 18, 2019 at 5:30 at the pre-k building. During the presentation, we will look at some of the tendencies and factors in school violence, how the media reports school violence, some of the potential causes of school violence, and how to prevent school violence. In addition, we will talk to parents about technology pitfalls to watch for. Most recently we have heard of Momo, and the daring challenges it can give to students of all ages. Please call the grade school office if you plan to attend so we can prepare for the number of people coming. I will also have a sign-up sheet at the grade school during parent-teacher conferences to sign up. **THIS IS NOT FOR STUDENTS OF ANY AGE TO ATTEND.** I anticipate we will utilize about an hour of time.

If you have questions please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shain Crank". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shain Crank