

# WISCASSET SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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Sunday, October 27, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am writing to you today regarding the incident that the district was involved with this week. I would like to personally thank the Wiscasset Police Department as well as the administrative team members who were involved with the quick resolution to the situation. The incident involved the safety of our students and staff with a potential threat that was found written on the bathroom walls of the Wiscasset Middle High School.

As your superintendent, it is my responsibility to ensure the safety of your children as well as the staff of the Wiscasset School Department. After I was notified of the situation, I worked with the school board chair and vice chair, Wiscasset Police Department, the principal and assistant principal in the investigation surrounding finding the person(s) responsible for the threat. A decision was made to have a two-hour delay to provide additional time to continue the investigation. Realizing we needed more time to complete the investigation, a decision was made to cancel school. After several hours of video watching, a determination was made to interview potential suspects. During the interview at a student's home, a confession was made from the student. With this information, I felt it was safe to reopen school on Friday, October 25.

I also would like to thank the Wiscasset School Department staff who took steps to provide extra supports for students who may have needed them. This is a very caring and empathetic school district that focuses on our students. Due to confidentiality, I cannot provide more details but wanted to reassure you that all steps were taken for the safety and protection of your children and our staff. If you have any further questions that can be answered, please feel free to contact me at the above email address.

Sincerely,



Dr. Terry L. Wood  
Superintendent of Schools