

NOBLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In today's world, our schools face continuous challenges, with potential threats and disruptions that necessitate thorough investigation. Tips come from various sources, including students, parents, community members, and random reports on social media. Regardless of the appearance of accuracy or validity, we take every incident seriously, whether it's a message on a restroom stall door, a note in a notebook, or a post on social media. We appreciate the vigilance of our school community, as they play a crucial role in reporting these incidents. Upon receiving a report, immediate investigations are initiated by site administration and our School Resource Officers (SROs), who then determine the potential need to involve outside law enforcement for assistance. During this process, decisions are also made regarding the necessity of a lockdown or notifying the school community of the situation.

While most investigations yield little to no evidence of a credible threat, reports are often second, third, or fourth-handed, before reaching a school administrator. Online posts are frequently forwarded to us for investigation, even if they are not directly related to school time or activities but involve one or more of our students. To safeguard our school community from potential incidents, we go above and beyond to thoroughly investigate and ensure the safety of our students and staff. Significant investments have been made in securing our campuses and implementing effective camera systems to enhance school safety, successfully identifying individuals involved in threats or disruptions.

Whenever a threat is received and investigated, we notify parents with as much information as is available. In cases where a threat is credible and involves any type of weapon, we share as much information with you as legally permissible. Legal constraints limit our ability to provide complete transparency, especially since the majority of our students are minors. When a credible threat is identified, we not only remove the student(s) from the school setting but also file charges against them within the bounds of the law. Collaborating with our SROs, local law enforcement officials, and the district attorney's office, we prioritize the safety of our school, staff, and students.

We understand the concern of parents and acknowledge the desire to know the full scope of any situation. While we recognize that a lack of information can be unsettling, please understand that legal obligations restrict the information we can share. Our commitment to provide proactive school safety measures extends to our own children, grandchildren, family members, and friends who attend our schools. We encourage you to monitor your children and their activities, and we appreciate your ongoing support in reporting anything you believe we need to know. Your help, cooperation, and concerns contribute to a safer school environment. Together, we are stronger.

Sincerely,

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