



**Steve Bouvy, Superintendent**

### **Millington Community Schools School Safety Update**

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Dear Parents and Community Members:

I am writing to make you aware of a police investigation that took place at Millington Jr/Sr High School this morning. Over the weekend, a junior high school student made an inappropriate and irresponsible social media post that was perceived as a possible threat to Millington Community Schools. The student was in a group chat on Snapchat, where they posted that they were going to shoot up the school and included a picture of a gun. Upon hearing the news this morning, school administration followed school safety protocol by immediately contacting Chief Cartner of the Millington Police Department. School personnel also searched the student's locker, backpack, and belongings to ensure that they did not have the capacity to carry out an attack against the school. As it turned out, the threat was not credible and the student did not have the capacity to carry out an attack. The student who made the post and their parent were spoken to by local law enforcement and the issue is now in the hands of the Millington Police Department and the Tuscola County Prosecutor.

When situations like this occur, parents and staff are presented with an opportunity to talk with our children about the possible repercussions that occur when people make threats on social media. Whether the content students post online amount to a real threat, perceived threat, fake threat, or just a joke, students who make threats may be subject to school discipline up to and including expulsion. School safety protocol also includes referring situations like this to law enforcement, where students may end up being prosecuted in the court of law.

School safety requires everyone to work together: staff, students, parents, and the community. If you notice any behavior in a student or resident that seems suspicious and you don't feel comfortable contacting the school or police, please access the Michigan "OK2SAY" app/website, an anonymous tip line. Since its creation in 2014, OK2SAY has received over 10,000 tips statewide, preventing multiple tragedies, including planned school attacks and student suicide. OK2SAY is confidential and available 24/7. To report a concern, please call 1-855-565-2729, text 652729, e-mail [ok2say@mi.gov](mailto:ok2say@mi.gov), or visit their website: [www.mi.gov/ok2say](http://www.mi.gov/ok2say).

Please remember that there have been no credible threats against Millington Community Schools and that the situation has been dealt with in an appropriate manner by all involved. Through the great efforts and immediate cooperation of the Millington Police Department and school administration, we have been able ensure the safety of our children here at Millington Community Schools.

As always, thank you for all of your cooperation and support.

Yours truly,

Steve Bouvy, Superintendent  
Millington Community Schools