

# JOINT STATEMENT REGARDING SCHOOL THREATS

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Community Members,

As leaders of [County Name], we want to address the recent incidents of threats made against our schools and emphasize the importance of keeping our community informed and safe.

## Communication with Parents

We understand that the safety of your children is your top priority, and we are committed to keeping you updated on any developments related to **potential** threats. Our primary methods of communication will be through text, email alerts, and social media. Please follow our official social media accounts for real-time updates and important notifications. Ensure your contact information is up to date with your child's school so that you receive all communications. If you have any concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to your school's administration.

## School Notification Procedures

In the event of a **verified** threat, we will notify parents through our emergency communication channels, including texts, emails, social media posts, and automated phone calls. Our first priority is the safety and security of the students, and we ask for your patience as we work to resolve any situations. Law enforcement and school officials will coordinate closely to ensure that accurate information is shared as soon as possible. We are also working to ensure that students can contact parents responsibly during school hours, but please be mindful of school policies regarding phone use.

## Duty to Keep School Grounds Clear

In the event of an emergency or threat, it is absolutely imperative that the school grounds remain clear of all unauthorized individuals, including parents. While we understand your natural desire to ensure your child's safety, crowding the area may interfere with law enforcement and emergency response efforts. Please refrain from coming to the school unless specifically instructed to do so. Keeping the area clear allows us to assess and respond to the situation swiftly, ensuring the safety of all students and staff.

## What to Do if Your Child Makes a Threat

If you become aware that your child has made a threat of any kind against the school or another individual, it is your responsibility to report this immediately to school authorities or law enforcement. We take all threats seriously, and timely communication can help prevent dangerous situations from escalating. Threats, even if made in jest, carry serious consequences and can lead to disciplinary actions or legal involvement.

## What to Do if Your Child Reports Another Student Made a Threat

If your child reports that another student has made a threat, encourage them to provide as much detail as possible and reassure them that reporting is the right thing to do. Immediately report the information to the school or local law enforcement so the threat can be thoroughly investigated. Your child's safety is our top priority, and we will take swift action to evaluate any report, regardless of its nature. We ask parents to remind their children that all threats are taken seriously and that the safety of the school community depends on timely and honest reporting.

We understand the anxiety that such situations can cause and appreciate your cooperation in helping us manage them effectively. Our shared goal is to keep all students, staff, and community members safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Sincerely,

[Principal's Name]

[School Name]

[Contact Information]

[Emergency Management]

[County Name]

[Contact Information]

[Sherriff Name]

[County Name]

[Contact Information]