

[School District] families,

We understand if you have had heightened concerns about school safety following recent [threats/mass violence] in area school districts and across the country. To offer you some comfort, we want to share how we can work together to keep our students safe and the proper steps to take if you ever have a safety concern.

Here are just a few measures we have in place to keep our campus safe:

- All exterior doors are locked during school hours, and classroom doors remain locked during instructional time.
- Visitors must be electronically screened and provide a valid reason for entry.
- [Community Emergency Response] has direct access to our building cameras for quick response during times of emergency.
- The Office of the State School Security Marshal conducts unannounced safety inspections.
- We collaborate with the Kentucky Center for School Safety, and local and state law enforcement on programs and services to enhance school safety.
- Each school has specific emergency plans aligned to state/national best practices for school safety.
- The statewide [STOP Tipline](#) allows reporting of potential dangers.
- We use communication systems to provide timely updates during heightened concerns.

While we take many steps to keep students safe at school, you also have an important role to play. Monitoring and addressing appropriate use of social media at home is very important. Social media can be useful but can also spread misinformation, creating unnecessary confusion and concern. If you encounter any concerning information on social media, contact our SRO, [SRO Name], at [Phone Number] during school hours. After-hour concerns should be directed to local law enforcement by calling [Phone Number]. You can also contact your child's school office, the district office, or utilize the [STOP Tipline](#). Resharing or posting concerns on social media is not a good practice, often creating more issues and can delay a timely investigation. Utilizing official channels allows us to investigate the matter accurately and promptly.

We want students to confidentially report any potential threat. Every threat that impacts our school community will be fully investigated and addressed appropriately. Included with this letter is a resource with key topics to discuss with your student. Remind them that their safety is our top priority and that proper communication plays a vital role in keeping our school community safe.

It is also important to remember that any threat to a school, its staff, or its students is subject to legal action for terroristic threatening. Please discuss the seriousness of making threats, whether in person, on social media, or in any form that could be perceived as a terroristic threat. [School Name] will pursue charges against anyone—student or adult—who makes a statement that meets this definition.

We greatly value your partnership in keeping our school community safe and informed.

Sincerely,

[Principal's Name]

[School Name]

[Contact Information]