



Smithtown Central School District

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Dear Smithtown School Community,

First, let me apologize for the lateness of this message, but as I referenced my earlier email, the District needed to allow the Suffolk County Police Department the time necessary to investigate this situation. They have done so, and we are indebted to them. Upon our notification of a potential new threat at High School West, they conducted a thorough investigation that has now concluded. It has been determined that there is no imminent threat to the High School West community at this time. With this in mind, school will open tomorrow at its regularly scheduled time.

As is always the case, district administration, its security staff and the Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD) worked together to ensure the collective safety of our school community. We are very thankful that information was brought to our attention which allowed us to act and manage the situation effectively. The old adage "If you see something, say something" was adhered to and we are grateful.

Please know that all threats to our schools and students are taken seriously and investigated immediately. When the School District is made aware of a potential threat, the School District will immediately notify the SCPD. Should the SCPD determine that a credible threat was made, an arrest may take place regardless of the intention of the person who made the threat. A new state law (N.Y. Penal Law § 240.78) has broadened the definition of what constitutes a threat that can be punished criminally. The new law makes it illegal to make a mass threat of harm with the "intent to intimidate a group of people or to create public alarm." To be found guilty of making a mass threat, the offender would not need to be shown to have the intent or capability of committing the conduct they are threatening, according to the recently signed law. The School District will also implement school based consequences in accordance with the previously mentioned Code of Conduct. We ask for your assistance in speaking with your children about the seriousness of such acts, including making threats against our schools and students, whether or not there is intent, the-likely consequences of these actions, and to encourage them to make good decisions.

The safety of our students and staff are our utmost priority and concern. As always, if you or your child are concerned about a safety situation involving our school community, we ask that you please report it to the school immediately.

And as I shared in my previous message, we certainly understand the concerns that these recent events have engendered and we will look to share additional information tomorrow regarding the district's response and our overall approach to school safety and security.

Sincerely,

Mark Secaur, Ed.D.
Superintendent