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Dear NSCSD Parents, Guardians and Staff,

Once again threats of violence toward schools are making their way through social media. While the North Syracuse Central School District has not received any direct threats, we are asking for your help. We take all threats of violence seriously and need your help monitoring social media.

Communication and information sharing within our buildings, with law enforcement and the community is critical to our collective safety. We are working tirelessly to make sure that channels of communication are open so that distressed students can be identified and supported. We encourage you to share any information with the District that will allow us to take a proactive approach to any situation or specific threat.

All our secondary buildings employ School Resource Officers (SROs), who are Onondaga County Sheriff's Deputies. If you have any concerns at all, please let your child's principal and SRO know right away or if you see or hear something that requires law enforcement intervention, dial 911 immediately.

In the past several weeks, the District has also seen an increase in the number of fake social media accounts negatively targeting students and school personnel. These accounts are being reported and taken down but we want to remind our families that such activity on social media is considered bullying and harassment and is a violation of the District's Code of Conduct. The behaviors will not be tolerated. Our goal is always to provide a safe, respectful learning environment for all students and we ask for your continued partnership in that effort.

Thank you,

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Daniel D. Bowles, Superintendent of Schools