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After the school day started this morning, students alerted the administration to a threat of school violence that was alleged to have been posted by a middle school student on social media. The administration was quickly able to identify the student who made the social media post and detain that individual in the office without incident. The student has admitted to having made the post "as a joke."

The school district takes all threats of school violence seriously as the safety of students and staff is always our first area of concern. At no time were students in immediate danger as no weapons were found in the school or on the student. The district will implement the appropriate disciplinary actions based on Board policy and state law. Law enforcement was brought in to further investigate the situation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those students that reported the social media threat. All students are reminded that if they see or hear of any threat that they should report it immediately.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joel Mengerink". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Joel Mengerink
Superintendent