



Feb. 17, 2023

Dear Families and Staff,

Good morning. I would like to take this time to update you all on the developments from last night's alleged threat to the Hudson City School District. The Columbia County Sheriff's Office confirmed this morning that their investigation has concluded, and that there is and was no credible threat to the Hudson City School District.

Yesterday evening at approximately 7:15 p.m., the district was made aware of an alleged potential threat to the district by a student. Within minutes of receiving the report, our School Resource Officer began investigating along with several law enforcement agencies. Law enforcement followed up with a home investigation to ensure the threat was not credible and to confirm there was no immediate danger to the Hudson City School District. It was determined that at no time did the student of concern make a threat of violence against the school community, although the district was made aware of posts by students via social media alleging that the student of concern could potentially pose a threat to the district on Feb. 17. For extra precaution, this student was advised to stay home and Hudson schools have an increased presence of law enforcement on Feb. 17. These are the standard safety measures the school always takes in such situations.

We understand that some were frustrated with the communication in the 7:15 p.m. to 9 p.m. window last night. The district was unable to provide an update due to its thorough investigation into the alleged threat and gathering of facts in cooperation with law enforcement. Any comment the district could have made last night had the potential of compromising the investigation of law enforcement. We always strive to communicate effectively and efficiently, though we must wait until all facts have been gathered to prevent the spread of misinformation.

Threats against our schools and school community are treated very seriously and investigated thoroughly. Students who are determined to make such threats, even in a "joking" or accusatory manner, face consequences through our school's Code of Conduct, as well as potential legal consequences. Please reinforce this with your children and scholars, as well as the importance of reporting any suspicious or potentially threatening activity to an adult as soon as possible so we can quickly and safely address it. If you are aware of a potential threat, please contact the school district and local law enforcement so both entities can react swiftly.

Please know that ensuring a safe school environment is and always will be our top priority. We understand recent events have increased concern within the district. Please be assured we are making improvements and corrections in several areas to better serve and represent our school



community. We'd like to thank our professionals in law enforcement for their urgency to the matter, quick response and work in investigating the situation thoroughly.

Sincerely,
Dr. Lisamarie Spindler
Superintendent of Schools