



Madisonville Junior High School

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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

We are continuing to have rumors in our Madisonville Junior High community that I would like to address. Following the tragedy in Florida, we have had numerous concerns reported to our school administrators. We have acted on all information given to us and reported it to law enforcement. We have worked with law enforcement to investigate every single concern brought to our attention. In each case, we found that the concerns were unsubstantiated. I want to reassure you there has been no credible threat to our school.

We are continuing to maintain safety efforts on our campus through our School Resource Officer, monitoring security cameras, using the visitor authorization ID system, and working closely with local law enforcement. Our teachers and staff are following safety best practices learned through professional training, and we all are doing our best to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our students.

The sharing of rumors about unsubstantiated threats through social media can cause unnecessary chaos and panic. According to a recent Louisiana State Police media release, as well as guidance from local law enforcement agencies, if you have information about a threat that you believe is time sensitive and an imminent danger, you should call 911. If you have information regarding a lesser threat, please report it Madisonville Police by calling their non-emergency number at 985-845-3393 or calling the school at 985-845-3355. If it is after school hours, you can call me on my cell phone at 985-373-3700. You also can call the School System Central Office at 985-892-2276 and ask to speak to the Supervisor on Duty to report information or share concerns. Please talk to your child about the importance of speaking up and saying something if they hear or see a threat. If they are at school, they need to immediately find an adult and report their concern. Posting it or sharing it on social media can do more harm than good and is not the same as reporting it directly to the proper authorities.

I promise that we will continue to listen to all of your concerns and work with law enforcement to investigate any threats thoroughly. The safety of students is always the top priority in our school. Thank you for your help in this effort.

Sincerely,

Patricia Welch Nelson

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