

June 1, 2018

Dear Middle and Intermediate School Parents and Guardians:

Last evening, we received an anonymous report of a safety concern at Horseheads Middle School. Upon learning of the report, we immediately contacted our local police, who began an investigation and determined that the threat was not credible. They continue to investigate. Although the anonymous report was the only report we received and our law enforcement believe it is not credible, we are taking it seriously. Safety and security are our highest priorities, and we will never take these topics lightly.

As a result, out of an abundance of caution, our school resource officers, New York State Police, and additional officers from the Village of Horseheads will be on site at the school this morning and will continue to be a presence at the school throughout the day. Please be assured that the law enforcement presence does not indicate that there is a situation – it indicates that our local law enforcement agencies join us in our commitment to protect our students' safety, no matter what the issue.

We ask that you talk to your students about the importance of telling an adult if he or she hears something or is concerned about safety. We ask that you contact the school or my office to report concerns. Our Safe Schools Line is available seven days a week, 24 hours a day at (607) 795-2044 or 1-800-305-4984. If you call the Safe Schools Line, we ask that you be as detailed as possible in your report and consider leaving your contact information so that appropriate personnel can follow up with your concerns.

The safety and education of our children are our highest priorities. While we cannot share details of an issue, we take all concerns about safety seriously. Anyone who threatens our students or schools will be dealt with. Additionally, deeming something as not credible does not mean law enforcement and administration are brushing the issue aside. A full investigation began immediately upon our receipt of this report.

We thank you for your continued concern for our children and our schools. I hope this assists in your understanding of the matter at hand. Please contact Middle School Principal Ron Holloway at (607) 739-6357 or [rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:rholloway@horseheadsdistrict.com), Intermediate School Principal Mike Bostwick at (607) 739-6366 or [mbostwick@horseheadsdistrict.com](mailto:mbostwick@horseheadsdistrict.com), or my office if you have further questions.

Sincerely,



Dr. Thomas J. Douglas, Superintendent of Schools