

May 24, 2022

To all RSU 16 Families and Staff,

This letter is an update on the middle school incident that we reported to you on Friday, May 20, 2022. As the investigation continues, there is still no imminent threat to our school community.

As we had previously reported, a student from the middle school created a list of students and staff, entitled "Kill List" on their school issued laptop computer. The existence of the list was brought to the attention of school administration and we engaged in the investigative process of interviewing students and performing a forensic examination of the student's laptop. The student's parents were notified and the student was released to them after being interviewed and searched. We notified the people whose names were on the list. Law enforcement is involved. The student remains on suspension. We are conducting a risk assessment of the student by trained personnel. After the investigation concludes, further disciplinary actions from school and law enforcement will be considered. All of this does take time. We hope to have a path forward both administratively and legally by the end of this week.

There will be a continued police presence at the middle school and school counselors will be available for those students needing to process their feelings related to this serious situation.

Also remember the PRHS/WMS campus has a series of cameras on all exterior doors with surveillance screens in the office to see who is coming and going. All doors are locked throughout the school day and all visitors or students must use the buzzer system to be allowed in our buildings during school hours. Office personnel are able to identify the student involved.

We are committed to providing a safe learning environment for our students and staff. In today's world there are no inconsequential words, all words in a school setting need to be taken initially at face value and investigated as such. Joking or making light of threats against the school or its occupants are taken very seriously and will be investigated as soon as we hear about them. It is imperative for parents to talk to their children about the dangers of written and verbal threats in any setting and the consequences for those actions, including suspension, expulsion and legal consequences. This article provides information about talking to students about school safety:

[Talking to Children About Violence: Tips for Parents and Teachers](#)

Sincerely,

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