

September 13, 2024

Dear I-SS parents, students, and staff,

Our schools have received many phone calls, emails, and reports from students and parents concerning the rumors of school threats. We are currently monitoring this nationwide trend regarding school-based threats on the social media platform TikTok and want to reassure our families that the situation is being continuously monitored. Administrators in partnership with our local law enforcement agencies have investigated reports and found that at this time, we have no evidence that any of these threats are credible.

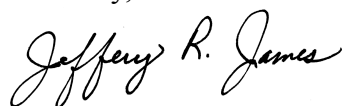
While we understand that these events are only rumors, we know that social media is a powerful tool often used to influence others—and not always for the good. It is always important to remain vigilant when it involves perceived threats.

It is always our intent to be transparent by sharing information with you, especially when it involves student safety and security. We will continue to treat all threats seriously and in an abundance of caution, we worked with our law enforcement agencies to have additional officers present around the district today. Please take some time to talk to your children about the pressures of social media and the potential consequences of engaging in this type of behavior.

We would like to remind parents and students about the severity of communicating a threat. A threat of mass violence on educational property is a felony in North Carolina and will be prosecuted to the highest extent.

Thank you for your support and cooperation. Together, we can work to keep our kids and schools safe.

Sincerely,



Dr. Jeff James  
Superintendent

