

Office of the Superintendent

February 27, 2018

Dear Parents,

I'm writing to communicate clear, factual information regarding an incident that transpired over this past weekend and is now inaccurately circulating on some social media platforms in our community.

We received a report from law enforcement over the weekend that they were investigating a threatening message posted on social media from one of our students to another one of our students. This incident did not happen at school and was thoroughly investigated by Barry County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan State Police. It was resolved by law enforcement and the families involved prior to classes starting Monday. The investigation determined no credible threat was made toward our students or schools.

The district did quickly act on information received from law enforcement and began its own internal investigation into the matter, working cooperatively with the families involved.

I want to be clear: law enforcement, administration, and the families involved believed the there was no credible threat against our students or schools. We are appreciative of our local and state law enforcement efforts and their swift, professional involvement.

Parents, this is a reminder to have candid conversations with your children regarding proper use of social media. It is also worthwhile to remind them that reporting questionable behavior to adults or the authorities is always the best and right thing to do.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached at 616-374-8043 or <u>fleenorr@lakewoodps.org</u>.

Best regards,

Randall J. Fleenor