

November 6, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

I am writing to follow up on the two emails I sent early this morning and to provide you a summary of information with regard to the online threat posted against our school last night.

Shortly after 10:30 p.m., we were alerted to the online post, which threatened a shooting at our school and contained a racial slur, and immediately contacted county police. Working swiftly and aggressively, police identified a suspect within two hours. That suspect, who has no affiliation with our school, has since admitted to the post, saying that it was done as a joke. He has been arrested and charged by police.

I know that there is a lot of conversation surrounding the suggestion that one or more of our students was responsible for the post. I want to be clear that at this point in our investigation, we have found nothing to support the fact that any of our students was involved in creating this post.

I want to thank the many parents who took the time to text or email late last night with information regarding this matter. The information you conveyed was relayed to police, and was extremely helpful in the investigation.

I also want to thank the Police Department for its ongoing partnership with our school. We are truly blessed to have such a collaborative relationship that can produce such quick results. We had additional officers at our school this morning as a precaution and to help ease any tensions or anxieties that existed for students, parents, and staff.

Finally, I want to reinforce to you what I firmly believe: Northeast High School is a safe and supportive environment. We take great pride in creating a place where our students can learn and thrive, and we thank you for the part you play in that process. This incident clearly provides another opportunity for us to enhance our discussions and rally around each other, and I am confident we will do just that.

I appreciate everything that you do for your child and for our school. If you have any questions, please call the school.

Sincerely,

Jason Williams
Principal

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EASTERN DISTRICT

School Threat (UPDATE)

Pasadena

On November 6, 2017 at approximately 10:30 p.m. Anne Arundel County Police were made aware of a social media post containing a threat of violence towards Northeast High School in Pasadena. Officers quickly identified the person who posted the threat as a 16 year old male from Glen Burnie. Officers responded to his residence where they met with the juvenile and his parents. The juvenile, who has no affiliation with the school, claimed that he meant the post as a joke and quickly deleted the post from his social media account. Officers determined the juvenile did not have the means to carry out his threat and there is no danger to the school. The juvenile has been taken a local hospital where he currently remains. Charges are currently pending as the investigation continues. Additional officers will be at the school throughout the day as a visible presence.

UPDATE:

The 16 year old suspect in this case has been charged as a juvenile with threats of mass violence and disturbing school operations. He has been released to the custody of his parents.

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