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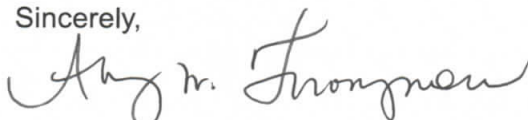
MCSD Family,

The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has issued a release describing a generic social media threat against schools in Arkansas and Kentucky this week. I have spoken directly with Monroe County Sheriff Dale Ford who will have increased security at all Monroe County Schools on August 28 and 29. There is no information to suggest this is a credible threat; however, we recognize how any reference of a threat can increase anxiety and/or concern on behalf of our students, staff, parents and the greater community. In an effort to provide you with the most updated information, the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security has released the following statement:

"We are aware of a Facebook post circulating about a possible incident at a school being planned for the 28th in Kentucky and the 29th in Arkansas. Initially, the threat was reported to FBI Little Rock from an individual outside of the US. The threat was read in a gaming chat room that indicated there is going to be an incident at a Kentucky and Arkansas school on the 28th and 29th of this month. The threat DID NOT name a specific location in either state and was very generalized. At this time, the complaint is UNSUBSTANTIATED. If anything further develops from this report, the KIFC will push out additional information as it becomes available. The FBI and KIFC, as well as state and local law enforcement, continue to monitor the situation".

Ensuring the safety of our students and staff remains our top priority and we will continue close communication with local law enforcement as we deliver on our commitment of providing a safe and nurturing place for all of our students to learn and grow. As always, our staff are available to answer any questions that you or your child may have. We are off to a fantastic start to the 2019-20 school year and we thank you for entrusting us to educate your child. Take Care!

Sincerely,



Amy W. Thompson, Superintendent