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Dear Riverhead Community:

As some of you may have heard, last evening the District was made aware of a potential threat, posted on social media, against a non-specific school. The Suffolk County Police Department was aware of the post, opened an investigation, and deemed the post non-credible and a hoax. The Riverhead Police Department was notified as well and will take appropriate action as necessary.

These posts are disturbing to all of us here in Riverhead, as we are sure they are to parents and educators across the country. It is of great concern to us that these types of troublesome and fear-inducing posts continue to occur, and that these types of posts, which have the sole intent to cause fear, are shared widely in a community without substantiation. I encourage parents and guardians to speak with their children and emphasize the importance of not using social media to spread false and dangerous information. I also ask that you support our efforts in educating our students about the consequences of inappropriate and unacceptable social media and internet use.

If you or your children become aware of any potential threat targeted at one of our schools or any of our students, faculty or staff, on social media or from any source, please contact your child's school principal or my office immediately. The safety and well-being of all our students, faculty, staff and the entire Riverhead community is our first priority.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aug E. Tornatore', written in a cursive style.

Dr. Augustine E. Tornatore  
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