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Dear Blue Waves Community,

I would like to provide you with an update regarding the communication shared with the community last Thursday evening regarding a non-specific threat towards Riverhead Middle School.

As noted in Dr. Galati's message, the district immediately opened an investigation once we were alerted to the threat. The original information was shared with Dr. Joseph Pesqueira, principal of Riverhead Middle School, who led the investigation for the district. After a thorough investigation by the Riverhead Middle School administrative team, it was determined the threat was unfounded, students and staff were never at risk of harm and that the information regarding the threat was fabricated.

In compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws, we cannot share specific information regarding students involved in this incident. However, appropriate disciplinary action, in accordance with the district's student code of character, conduct and support, will be taken by the district.

The safety and security of students and staff are Riverhead School District's top priorities. This is best accomplished through a collaborative, transparent partnership between the district, parents, students, staff and the greater Riverhead community. If you do see or hear something that is a cause for concern, please do not hesitate to report it immediately to my office, your child's building principal or teacher, or the Riverhead Town Police. Concerns can also be reported on the Share It app which can be found on our district website.

All of us in the Riverhead School District are dedicated to providing our students with a safe environment conducive and supportive of their learning and personal development and growth. We thank you for your continued support in helping us achieve this objective.

Sincerely,

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