



AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Amherst County Families

Amherst County Public Schools has become aware of a troubling post that has been shared nationally on the social media platform TikTok. The post refers to a threat to school safety “for every school in the USA, even elementary,” on Friday, December 17.

The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend and did not originate in our school district. We have heard reports from other districts that the same post is circulating in their schools. While there are no reported threats specific to our district and we do not believe the threat to be credible, we are closely monitoring the situation and taking it seriously.

Additionally, the district has been in contact with the Amherst County Sheriff’s Office regarding the post. We will have an increased police presence at our buildings on Friday as an added precaution.

Even though this has not been identified as a credible threat we ask that students and parents are vigilant in reporting any type of threat as we work together to review the appropriate online behavior with children. If you or your child become aware of any potential threat posted to social media or anywhere else, please do not repost. Instead, notify your child’s building administration or law enforcement immediately.

At this time, Amherst County Public Schools will remain open and as always, thank you for your partnership as we work to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for every child, every day.