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# Fowler Unified School District

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Dear Parents, Students, and Staff,

In light of recent situations across the nation, state, and in our region, I feel it's important to address the seriousness of threats made to students and/or staff. Threats of physical harm, or even death, have been sent via a wide variety of methods. In some of these instances, the student making the threat claimed the threat was "a joke," "not really serious," or "only kidding around," and "was not meaning to harm anyone." Be assured that ANY threat against staff or students is taken seriously and will be viewed as such, whether the threat is verbal, via text, email, online, or through other media. Students who threaten staff or fellow students will face serious consequences, including possible suspension and/or expulsion. In addition, Fowler Unified works in conjunction with Fowler PD when threats are made, which may lead to criminal charges if determined by Fowler PD, regardless of what school consequences may occur.

Making sure each campus, each classroom, each staff member, and each student is safe from harm is essential for a positive school climate. Any comments or actions that are deemed potentially harmful or threatening to student and staff safety will be investigated by administration - including actions that take place off campus and/or through social media. Parents are encouraged to share with your students the serious nature of this issue and the consequences of any comments that could be deemed a threat. We also encourage parents to discuss with their students the importance of having appropriate online behavior on social media, as many of the issues across the nation and in our area have been the result of online threats or comments. A good resource for parents is CommonSenseMedia.org which has resources for parents with children of all ages. Fowler Unified values the partnership we have with staff, parents, and students as we continue to keep our campuses safe.

Sincerely,

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