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Dear Tamaqua Area SD Families,

The Tamaqua Area School District is aware of a post that has been shared widely this week on social media across the United States. The post refers to a threat to school safety for all schools in the country on Friday, December 17th.

The post did not originate in our school district. While we do not believe the threat to be credible, we are continuing to take all necessary precautions. The district has been in contact with local police and will have an increased police presence on campus Friday, December 17th.

This situation serves as a good example of why it is important to avoid sharing posts online that refer to school safety threats. Even if they are not credible, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for students, families, and staff. We ask our families to monitor their children's social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online. Also, please reinforce that they should not be re-posting generic threats that are currently circulating on social media.

Statements made verbally, in writing, or online that cause panic or lead to a school closure may result in felony charges. If an individual is charged, the charges will not be removed from a student's record, even if they are a juvenile. I am asking for your support in reminding your child that these situations will not be tolerated and will be met with severe consequences. As we work together to keep our schools safe, please report to school administrators and authorities any information that might compromise the safety of our students, staff and/or school.

As always, thank you for your partnership as we work to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "R. Kinder".

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