

Mr. John Paul Hart, Ed.S. Assistant Superintendent

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Dear District 118 Families,

Our goal is to communicate with you and keep your students safe at all times. This letter is to make you aware of the following incident that occurred at North Ridge Middle School. There was an anonymous note written on a girls' bathroom wall threatening a school shooting. The threat indicated that on December 13<sup>th</sup> there would be a shootout. Within minutes of the report, the North Ridge administration began their investigation in coordination with the Danville Police Department. The school administration and our School Resource Officer followed standard procedures, designed and practiced for these types of unfortunate incidents. Our investigation has found the threat to be not credible. However, we remain vigilant in our schools to make sure your children and our staff members are safe.

Please know that we take each threat directed towards our schools and members of our school communities very seriously. Our schools work with law enforcement to closely monitor potential violence, actively assess all threats to our schools, and respond immediately as needed to help keep our schools, students and staff safe.

We ask you and your children to remain diligent and report any threats of violence immediately. Also, please talk to your child about the importance of letting you know when they learn of any threats of violence at school and of not participating in or promoting any threats of violence.

Supporting the safety and well-being of our students and staff is one of our most important shared responsibilities. By working together, we can help deter these threats and the emotional impact they may cause so our schools can continue to focus on helping our students learn and grow.

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