



Mrs. Markesha Parker, M.Ed., MS.Ed.
Associate Superintendent

Monday, November 3, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians of D118,

This morning, we received an anonymous threat directed toward an unidentified school within our district. Out of an abundance of caution—and with the safety of our students and staff as our top priority—we made the decision to dismiss all students in grades PreK-12 for the remainder of the day.

Law enforcement was immediately notified and is actively investigating the situation. At this time, there is **no confirmed danger** on any of our campuses; however, we believe it was in everyone's best interest to take this precautionary step while authorities conduct a full investigation.

We know that unexpected situations like this can cause worry and disruption for our families. Please know that every decision made today was guided by one purpose: protecting our students and staff. Our district team continues to work hand in hand with law enforcement and safety officials to ensure our schools are secure and ready for students to return.

## **Next Steps:**

- All schools are scheduled to reopen tomorrow, Tuesday, November 4, 2025.
- A police presence will be visible at all district schools throughout the day.
- Counseling and support services will be available for any student or staff member who may need assistance processing today's events.

We are grateful for your patience, understanding, and partnership as we navigate this together. Moments like this remind us how strong and connected our D118 community truly is. Please continue to follow official district updates for accurate information.

If you have immediate questions or concerns, please contact the District Office at 217-444-1000.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership as we keep the safety and well-being of every child and staff member at the heart of our work.

Sincerely,

Mr. John P. Hart Superintendent