



Steger School District 194

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Dear Steger School District 194 Family,

We need to inform you a Columbia Central School student made a threatening comment at school today. As a school district, we take every comment seriously, even if someone says they were trying to make a joke. The safety of our students, staff, and visitors is our top priority. Columbia Central School Administration followed Steger School District 194 security procedures; and in addition contacted the Steger Police Department. The Steger Police Department spoke with the child and parents. There was no mention of any weapons or detailed plans to harm any of the students or staff. **After the interview, the Steger Police Department is confident that there is no threat to the school.** Tomorrow, the Steger Police Department and South Chicago Heights Police Department will provide officers in the district to be noticeably seen by students, staff, and parents.

Here are some key points about making good decisions:

- Be sure to report any concerning message you hear or see in person or online to a trusted adult, school administration or staff member, or police.
- Please do not promote social media rumors, instead, tell us.
- If you feel uncomfortable about something you read, something you hear, something you see, please report it so we can do something about it.

Steger School District 194 is committed to keeping our schools a safe place for learning, and we will work together to continue to keep it that way.

Sincerely,

Dr. David T. Frusher
Superintendent of Schools

To ensure all students, staff, and stakeholders learn and grow together as a community