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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Pearl River School District Community,

We are aware that a number of school districts in Rockland County have recently received reports of a recirculated social media post threatening school violence. This post does not specifically mention any school district and has been widely shared throughout the state. In the wake of Michigan's recent school tragedy, the post has received much attention from school districts. I want to assure our students, staff and parents that the safety of our school community is our top priority. We work closely with the Orangetown Police Department in investigating any threat to the safety of our students and staff.

As a reminder, the Pearl River School District has a zero tolerance approach for any person making a threat toward school safety. Any threatening posts seen by students and parents should be immediately reported to the District or local law enforcement. In addition, anyone who issues or reposts threats related to school safety or school violence will face serious consequences. Please refer to the [PRSD Code of Conduct](#) for more information.

Maintaining a safe, supportive and healthy school environment is essential in ensuring the safety of each of our school buildings. Parents, please speak with your children about this topic and the ramifications that will follow any threats made to school safety. By working together we can continue to provide our students with a safe and secure learning environment.

Our counselors and support staff are ready to assist any child that expresses concerns or fears over these recent events. Please feel free to reach out to your child's school to request assistance from our counseling staff.

Sincerely,