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From: Chris Pettograsso, Superintendent of Schools

It has been a difficult time for our Lansing school community. Emails regarding school safety concerns are extremely disheartening and cause a great deal of fear and potential distress. It is my hope that the districts continued communications, prompt actions and collaboration with our community law enforcement as well as additional county support groups, bring you some sense of relief and trust. As we stated in our previous communication, local law enforcement was notified immediately and we were able to quickly determine that there was not any immediate safety threat.

Please refer to the Tompkins County Sheriff Press Release below for more information regarding today's incident. We are grateful to the Lansing students who promptly shared information with administration and for the swift action of our Lansing high school administrative and support team, and the Tompkins County Sheriff Department.

We will continue our collaboration with local law enforcement regarding an increase in education and outreach programs to support students and families. It is critical we continue to move forward as a collaborative and caring community. We will be sharing additional communications in the coming days.

On 06/07/22, at 9:50 AM, deputies were dispatched to the Lansing High School located at 300 Ridge Road, Lansing, NY for an alleged threat against the school. This was the second such threat at the school this month.

The investigation revealed that several students both heard and saw two other students discussing and creating a "kill list" to include various people, one of which was another student. This caused alarm to students and staff who took prompt action including notification to the Tompkins County Sheriff's Office.

The students responsible for the list, ages 15 and 16, were both charged with Making a Terroristic Threat, a Class D Felony, per section 490.20-1 of the NYS Penal Law. The 15-year-old will be processed as a juvenile and the 16-year-old as an adult. The names of the students are not being released due to their ages.

The Sheriff's Office has taken action to ensure their inaccessibility to firearms and does not believe that the school is at continued risk from this incident. Deputies will continue to provide a security presence at the school throughout the remainder of the school year.

Sheriff Osborne stated, "I thank the Lansing School District for meeting these challenges head-on and for working with the Sheriff's Office to bring such incidents to a successful conclusion." "It's obvious that the safety of their students is paramount to the Lansing School District."

Parents are once again reminded to speak with their children about the seriousness of making such threats verbally, in writing, or via social media and the fact that law enforcement must, and will, take them seriously. Anyone learning of such threats should not make assumptions regarding their validity but rather should report them immediately.