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PRESS RELEASE

Date: June 1, 2022

From: Chris Pettograsso, Superintendent of Schools

LHS administration was notified at approximately 8:20 AM that two students posted threats of violence against the school on the social media app SnapChat. The students were immediately removed from class and the Tompkins County Sheriff Department was notified. We are extremely grateful for their immediate response to LCSD.

At this time, it has been determined that there was not any immediate threat to LCSD. It is crucial that our students, families and larger community fully understand the impact of any threat of violence, shared verbally and/or on social media, whether in jest or re-shared.

It is our understanding that the social media posts were only live for a short time but may be wide-spread. The posts made will impact children differently. Please talk to your children. We will have school support personnel readily available for anyone who may need extra support. Though we are sharing with our entire LCSD community for open communication, the concern was identified at the high school level.

We fully understand the heartache and fear that transpires when communication like this is received. Please trust that all aspects of our safety plans were implemented, steadfast and efficient communication and collaboration with law enforcement ensued, and support plans are in place. First and foremost, someone saw something, and said something. The District highly commends the students who immediately notified administration.

Earlier this year we held a family virtual presentation on the impact of social media and how students use it. I again encourage all families to have open communication with your children regarding social media and the potential impact of what you choose to post/ re-share - the good and the bad.

Please refer to this resource regarding talking to your children about violence in school.

[TIPS for talking to Children About School Violence](#)

[Social Media Resources](#)

I am deeply grateful that today's events did not lead to any physical harm. However, it is critical to our health and wellness to understand that every threatening situation we encounter is compounding and intensifies the already heightened school safety concerns for all of us; parents, students, faculty, staff, administration, the institution of education as a whole. Tomorrow is not just another day; it is another day with even heavier shoulders.