



October 24, 2018

Dear Ferndale School District Community,

We are at the end of a second day this week spent communicating with you about threats at Ferndale High School. I am sad to be writing those words, but I do not want to end this day without reaching out to parents and staff directly.

As many of you know, we received word of a student threat to Ferndale High School on Monday, October 22. That threat resulted in an arrest. Updates and information from that incident can be found here: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/news>.

This morning, Wednesday, October 24, we received word of a separate threat also to Ferndale High School. Updates and information from that incident can be found here: <https://www.ferndalesd.org/news>.

When it comes to school safety, we know that our staff, families, students and community want information as quickly as possible. We know this goes a long way in helping staff, families, and our community feel safe at school. Ultimately, that is our goal. We want to teach our students to report threats. We want to encourage our parents to report threats. We want to support law enforcement as they investigate. When we receive word of a threat, we work directly with our Ferndale Police Department Team to move the investigation forward and verify as many facts as possible early on so that we can begin our updates and communication with staff, families, students, and community.

We commit to continuing to come to you with information in as timely a manner as possible. Thank you for your patience this week, and thank you for continuing to come to us with your concerns. We take every threat seriously. We always involve the Police. We always take every precaution. This week we followed our usual protocol, and each incident has been resolved.

Additional Information and resources can be found here:
<https://www.ferndalesd.org/emergency-communications>

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Linda Quinn, Superintendent
Ferndale School District