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Good Morning Pontiac School District Families,

As we continue to reel and mourn with our neighbors and the world over the horrific acts that occurred at Oxford High School, we know our community remains concerned for the safety of our students.

The ongoing copycat threats circulating throughout the county are extremely concerning to everyone. Each post that is shared with us is immediately turned over to the Oakland County Sheriff's Department for investigation. We thank each of you for alerting us to anything of even the slightest concern. We are taking everything very seriously. These threats have not been overlooked and have been thoroughly handled by the authorities. We are in 24-hour contact with the sheriff's department. The threats they have received to date have been determined to be uncredible. They will continue to address every single tip they receive.

At this time, they have not advised us to close school. We continue to have additional Oakland County Sheriffs onsite in the district and our schools remain in soft lockdown. We will continue to assess every situation and remain diligent in doing everything we can to keep our students safe.

We know that due to the emotional impact the events in Oxford have had on us all, some parents will decide to keep their students at home. We understand and trust our families to make the decision that is best for them. Our secondary schools will be offering the opportunity for students who are home to sign in virtually and our elementary school level teachers will post assignments for students at home in Google classroom today and tomorrow.

Please know that there is strength in community and coming through tragedy together. Please know we have many resources and counseling options available onsite for our students. Our social workers, counselors and staff are working closely with our students to provide support to our students emotionally and socially as we live through this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Kelley Williams, Superintendent