



December 16, 2021

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We received information from the Vermont Agency of Education and some community members about some disturbing social media related to another Tik Tok challenge. Administrators across the nation have been made aware of a national TikTok trend threatening gun violence at school on December 17, 2021. Lamoille North schools have NOT been mentioned. In fact, no Vermont school has been identified. Information about these threats is considered non-credible. This situation serves as a good example of why it is important to avoid sharing posts online that refer to school safety threats. Even if they are not credible threats, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for our students, families, and staff. We ask our families to monitor their children's social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online.

The Vermont Agency of Education has sent us information to pass along to all of you. The Vermont Intelligence Center (VIC) has contacted the state's law enforcement agencies to inform them of these social media threats. Additionally, we have been in contact with local law enforcement, in this case, Lamoille County Sheriff's Department and Vermont State Police, regarding these social media posts.

We want to take a moment to remind all staff, students and parents to reach out anytime throughout the year to school officials and law enforcement if you know of any specific threats or witness any suspicious activity. You can also reach out to the Vermont State School Safety Tip Line as follows:

Text: Safe4VT to 274637

Call: 844-723-3488 (844-Safe4VT)

Web: [www.safe4vt.org](http://www.safe4vt.org)

We send this message to you in the spirit of communication and collaboration. We take the safety of our community most seriously and want to communicate what is being posted on social media. Thank you for your commitment and dedication to keeping our school communities safe.

Sincerely,

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