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December 16, 2021

Good Afternoon ISAAC Family,

Within this past hour, ISAAC has received notification from the State Department of Education and the Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) about a recent TikTok challenge promoting the act of making threats of violence in schools (i.e. bomb threat, school shooting threat) for tomorrow, December 17, 2021. This challenge has been posted onto several social media platforms and is now gaining national attention. At this time, we have been informed by the CTIC that these are **“not credible threats in Connecticut”** and at this time, New London Police have not received any threats of violence in schools. **In collaboration with the New London Police Department, our school will be taking the precautionary measures to ensure the safety of all who learn and work at ISAAC.** While we do not anticipate any disruptions or issues at ISAAC tomorrow, we are and will always take any possible threat seriously and will take every step necessary to ensure the safety and well being of everyone in our school building.

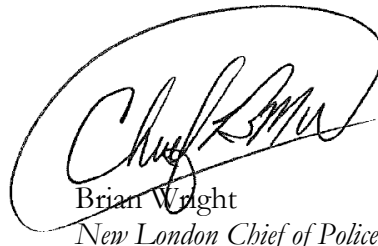
Please know that the safety and security of our students and staff is a top priority for ISAAC. Upon receipt of this information, we immediately collaborated with Chief Brian Wright and the New London Police Department to ensure that ISAAC will have additional measures in place tomorrow to ensure that our school will operate without any distributions. We are committed to living our core values and beliefs in providing a safe learning and working environment. Furthermore, our administration team and the New London Police Department will continue to monitor this situation intensely for the next several days to come.

As an ISAAC Family, it is important for all of us to work together to address these continuing social media challenges that result in disruptions in our schools and students' lives. We ask that all families speak to their children about reinforcing the importance of being a 'courageous leader' by letting a parent, teacher, and/or administrator know if they have viewed or heard any threats of violence towards another student, person, or school community. Moreover, it is vital that students report the aforementioned concerns to a trusted adult versus promoting and reposting these social media posts. It is our responsibility to collectively ensure that our school and all who work, learn, and grow at ISAAC are able to do so in a safe environment.

In conclusion, the safety and security of our staff and students is our highest priority. We are grateful to the commitment and partnership with Chief Brian Wright, the City of New London, and its police department.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact our administrative team directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'N. Spera', written over a horizontal line.Dr. Nicholas J. Spera  
*Executive Director*A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Wright', written over a horizontal line.Brian Wright  
*New London Chief of Police*

***We believe that all students can succeed with hard work and grit.***