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Dear Crossroads Elementary Families,

I am following up on the [districtwide message](#) about recent threats and rumors of violence at schools in St. Paul and the surrounding area. The information quickly spread through social media on Wednesday evening, primarily on TikTok and Snapchat.

The Saint Paul Police Department announced the following, at 12:25 p.m. today:

“A juvenile suspect is in custody who admitted to posting the threats about local schools and did not have the means or desire to carry out the threat.

There is no ongoing threat at this time, but we don't know if this is the only person sharing these disturbing messages. We will continue to work with our law enforcement and school partners to ensure safety at all our schools. Thank you to all those who said something when they saw these posts.”

While authorities determined that **these threats were NOT credible**, I understand many families have questions. Our students' safety is our top priority.

Today, our school followed its regular procedures to keep our students and staff safe, including:

- Keeping all exterior doors locked
- Requiring any visitors to be buzzed in and sign in
- Having staff available for any students who needed support
- Communicating with the district's security team and having more drive arounds by our district safety and security team
- Had a safety team meeting as well as a brief staff meeting this morning to review protocols
- Our school social worker and supported staff with talking points for students

Please know that SPPS works closely with local, state and national law enforcement partners to evaluate every threat. **There is currently no direct threat to any SPPS campus.** If the district or law enforcement believe a threat to be viable, appropriate and immediate action will be taken to keep our students, staff and schools safe.

Sharing inappropriate content or threats on social media can have real-life consequences, including suspension and criminal charges. We take situations like this seriously and follow our standard discipline procedures as outlined in the [Student Rights and Responsibilities Handbook](#). Please remind your child to use social media responsibly. Please talk to your student and help us send a message about respecting their school, school staff members and classmates.

Students are often aware of situations before adults, so please remind your child that it is important for them to report any concerns to a trusted adult. Concerns may also be submitted on the MySPPS app or online at spps.org/safety.

Thank you for your support in keeping our schools and your children safe.

Better together,
Tracy Buhl, Principal
Crossroad Science and Crossroads Montessori