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Dear Families,

Recently, there has been an increase in online threats targeting schools across our state and the country. In Connecticut alone, approximately 30 such threats have been reported since the start of this school year. While no threats have been made within the Killingly Public School System, we want to take this opportunity to proactively inform families about these incidents.

Many of these threats are being posted or reposted by very young students on social media platforms. It's important to know that here in Killingly, and throughout the state, students found to have made threats could face serious consequences, including suspension, expulsion, and even arrest. Potential charges include:


- **Threatening in the First Degree** (Class C or D felony, CGS 53a-61aa)
- **Falsely Reporting an Incident** (Class C or D felony, CGS 53a-180)

School safety is our highest priority at Killingly Public Schools. We are fortunate to have extensive safety measures in place, including a multitude of cameras in every school, which can be monitored remotely, as well as four Armed Security Officers and one School Resource Officer. We conduct regular safety drills and update our protocols annually, submitting them for approval to the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. Additionally, we use the Raptor VisitorSafe™ system to monitor visitors entering our buildings. Our staff has also been trained by the Connecticut State Police in the "Run, Hide, Fight" protocol, which is designed to guide students and staff during emergencies.

Given that many of the recent threats in Connecticut have originated from social media, we urge you to have a conversation with your child about the seriousness of this behavior and the severe consequences that come with making or sharing threats online—even if they believe it's a joke.

In Partnership,

Sue Nash, Superintendent of Killingly Public Schools


Susan Lannon, Chair of the Killingly Board of Education


Joe McCusker, Killingly School Resource Officer