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Tamaqua Area SD Families:

Our school district, like many others, continues to deal with fallout from the latest round of school violence in our nation, as well as a multitude of false reports. At times these reports are designed to instill fear and disrupt our educational process. The administration, in conjunction with law enforcement persists in investigating all reports and following them through to their conclusion.

Thankfully, all instances reported to administration have been identified as non-threats. Nearly every occurrence involves students overhearing conversations of other students who are discussing events in other schools. At some point in conversations, this gets misinterpreted into something at our schools. This prompts further conversations, which cause concern for students, staff and families.

I once again ask you to please talk to your children about the appropriate ways to discuss these incidents and the dangers in posting information that causes stress and concern. Please direct them to refrain from casual conversations and social media posts regarding this topic. Rather, if you or your child has pertinent information at any time, we ask that you please come forward and report it directly to administration and/or local law enforcement.

Once again, I thank you for your cooperation in educating our children regarding responsible behavior. Having a positive, safe, learning environment is a joint effort of all of us here in the Tamaqua Area SD community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "RJ Kinder", written over a horizontal line.

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