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Dear District Staff and Families,

I am writing to inform you of an online bomb threat discovered on Instagram against University City High School (UCHS) following dismissal today, September 17.

The University City Police Department (UCPD) was immediately engaged and are in the process of tracking the threat back to the originator. In an abundance of caution, Canine Units from six responding police departments were brought in for a thorough sweep of the school this evening. Additional security will be on site tomorrow.

We are exercising all due diligence to ensure the safety of our students and staff. These types of threats are unfortunately on the rise nationwide. After last Friday's Instagram post, crisis specialists advised that local school districts should expect copycat threats and prepare accordingly.

We will always take these reports seriously. The individual responsible will be held accountable. We have zero tolerance for this type of disruption and there will be consequences up to and including prosecution.

I am truly sorry to burden you and your family with this information, but please trust and be assured we are doing our very best to keep our schools safe.

Should you have additional questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

In Service of Our Children,

Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR
Superintendent

17 de septiembre de 2024

Estimado personal y familias del distrito:

Le escribo para informarle sobre una amenaza de bomba en línea descubierta en Instagram contra University City High School (UCHS) luego de su despido hoy, 17 de septiembre.

El Departamento de Policía de University City (UCPD) se comprometió de inmediato y está en el proceso de rastrear la amenaza hasta su autor. Como medida de precaución, unidades caninas de seis departamentos de policía que respondieron fueron enviadas para realizar un barrido exhaustivo de la escuela esta tarde. Mañana habrá seguridad adicional en el lugar.

Estamos ejerciendo toda la debida diligencia para garantizar la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes y personal. Desafortunadamente, este tipo de amenazas están aumentando en todo el país. Después de la publicación en Instagram del viernes pasado, los especialistas en crisis advirtieron que los distritos escolares locales deberían esperar amenazas imitadoras y prepararse en consecuencia.

Siempre tomaremos estos informes en serio. El individuo responsable deberá rendir cuentas. Tenemos tolerancia cero para este tipo de perturbaciones y habrá consecuencias que pueden incluir el procesamiento.

Realmente lamento sobrecargarlo a usted y a su familia con esta información, pero confíe y tenga la seguridad de que estamos haciendo todo lo posible para mantener nuestras escuelas seguras.

Si tiene preguntas o inquietudes adicionales, no dude en ponerse en contacto conmigo.

Al servicio de nuestros niños,

Sharonica L. Hardin-Bartley, PhD, PHR
Superintendente

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