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Dear Families and Community Members,

Killingly Public Schools has been the recipient of several swatting incidents over the past two months.

What is swatting? Swatting is the act of making a false emergency report with the intent of prompting a large law enforcement response. These incidents are criminal acts that are designed to create fear, disruption, and confusion within schools and communities.

We previously communicated our investigation and response procedures in the following communication [HERE](#).

We would like to use this communication to outline the additional steps the district has taken to address these incidents.

Over the past several weeks, the district has:

- Convened high-level meetings involving KPS administrators, BOE Chair, the Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, the Connecticut State Police, the Connecticut Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and the Center for School Safety and Crisis Prevention. These meetings were requested by the KPS Superintendent to review swatting trends, response procedures, and best practices related to school safety.
- Convened a follow-up meeting with the Assistant Superintendent, BOE Chair, the Lieutenant of Eastern District Headquarters (State Police), the Captain of Eastern District Headquarters (State Police), the Lieutenant and Troop D Commanding Officer, and the Center for School Safety and Crisis Prevention with the purpose of continued collaboration regarding school safety.
- Worked closely with local and state law enforcement agencies to review and strengthen emergency response procedures and coordination protocols.
- Scheduled swatting-focused professional development and response training for administrators and office staff, along with debriefing sessions involving local and state police.
- Collaborated with the Center for School Safety and Crisis Prevention at Western Connecticut State University to update swatting-related intake forms, communication procedures, and response protocols.
- Updated threat assessment procedures designed to carefully evaluate and respond to reported concerns or threats.

Please know that when a swatting report is received, the immediate priority is securing our schools and ensuring the safety of students and staff. Safety procedures are implemented immediately while local and state law enforcement work to investigate the credibility of the threat. This process takes time and requires careful coordination.

Once immediate safety procedures have been completed and information has been verified, the district communicates with families as quickly and accurately as possible. It is important that we share confirmed information rather than incomplete or unverified details that could create additional confusion or unnecessary alarm.

In some cases, unofficial information may appear on social media before schools are able to communicate directly with families. Because early information is often incomplete or inaccurate, we encourage families to rely on official district and law enforcement communication whenever possible.

We understand that incidents like these can create anxiety for students, staff, and families. Please know that every reported threat is taken seriously, thoroughly investigated, and addressed in coordination with law enforcement and safety officials.

We appreciate your continued partnership, support, and trust as we work together to keep our schools safe.

Sincerely,

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