

ORCHARD VIEW SCHOOLS

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Dear Orchard View Community,

I am proud of the way our community handled the events of the last few days. Our entire community, from parents and staff to community and law enforcement partners, stepped up to keep our students safe.

The safety of our students, your children, guides every decision we make and every action we take . . . every day!

Our law enforcement partners have assured us that student, staff and school safety is their highest priority and we can be proud to live in a community where these trained professionals take that position. Even the vague and unsubstantiated threat we received on Sunday received their immediate and complete attention.

"If every law enforcement entity could have the relationship we enjoy with Orchard View, it would be amazing." said Tim Thielbar, Chief of the Muskegon Township Police Department. "We support them and they are very supportive of our department."

Our buildings are as secure as possible, our staff members are trained to address threats they might encounter, our student support staff stand ready to help students in crisis and our school resource officer circulates throughout our buildings and works to build a rapport with students. My grandson attends Orchard View and I am pleased that he has been in attendance this entire week; not once have I questioned his safety while at school this week, nor at any other time.

We all have a role to play to make our schools safe and supportive learning environments. I encourage you to speak to your children about the consequences of making threats and sharing threatening posts, even if they seem innocent. **If you see any threats on social media, through text messages, or other platforms, contact 911.**

I am always available to answer any question or concern you might have. Please call 231-760-1300 or email me jim.nielsen@orchardview.org.

Respectfully,

Jim Nielsen

Jim Nielsen, Superintendent

It's a Great Day to be a Cardinal!