March 22, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

At Orchard View, school safety is very important and any threat made toward students and staff is taken very seriously.

This morning, administrators at Orchard View Middle School became aware of a video that a student allegedly posted over the weekend on social media. In the video, an individual wearing a mask and holding what appeared to be a BB pistol made a threat toward another individual. Local law enforcement and school officials are cooperating to ensure the safety of our students. The student who posted the video could face potential charges of domestic terrorism.

Please be aware that the individual involved is not at school. There was no evidence of a weapon or even a threat at school, and at this time, it appears to be strictly a social media incident from this past weekend.

The safety of our students and staff is always a top priority. We are grateful for our partnership with the Muskegon Township Police Department, Officer Wilson (School Resource Officer), and our local law enforcement agencies as we all work together to keep students and staff safe. Teaching children responsible use of social media is very important and this incident provides a perfect opportunity for parents to address this with their children in an age-appropriate manner.

I want to reiterate that at no time this morning were staff or students in danger, and learning was not impacted. If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 231-760-1300.

Jim Nielsen, Superintendent

Orchard View Schools