

# OXFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS



September 12, 2018

Dear Oxford Families,

On Tuesday afternoon, it was brought to our attention that a threat was made by one of our students at Oxford High School. In response, we immediately contacted law enforcement to investigate the threat.

The situation continues to be investigated by school authorities and law enforcement. Threats against schools are treated very seriously, and students who are determined to have made such threats face consequences through the school's Code of Conduct, as well as potential legal consequences.

We applaud the students who came forward to report the situation. This is an opportune time to discuss this situation with your children and emphasize that there are severe consequences to such actions, even if the threat was made in jest. Please remind your children of the importance of reporting any suspicious or potentially threatening activity to an adult as soon as is possible. Students at Oxford High School all participated in assemblies today reminding them that if they see or hear a threat they need to report it immediately to school administration.

Please know that the safety of our students and staff is one of our primary concerns and any threats of violence, even if deemed not credible, are taken very seriously. As a precautionary measure and to reassure students and staff, there was an increase in police presence at Oxford High School today which is part of our standard response procedures.

We are thankful for the cooperation and assistance of the Oxford Police Department, our staff and students. Thank you for your continued support in these challenging times of school safety and emergency preparation.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Zielinski*

Dr. Elizabeth Zielinski  
Superintendent of Schools