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April 13, 2023

Dear Families and Staff,

I would like to take this time to update you all on the developments from an alleged threat to the Moss Public School District. All investigations have been concluded, and there is and was no credible threat to the Moss School District.

On the evening of April 5, the district was made aware of an alleged potential threat to the district by a student. Upon receiving this report, I followed up by contacting the Hughes County Sheriff's Department, and an investigation into the situation began. For extra precaution, the parent of the student was advised that the student stay home until the school called them in for a meeting. These are the standard safety measures the school always takes in such situations.

We understand that some were frustrated with the lack of communication. The district was unable to provide an update due to its thorough investigation into the alleged threat and gathering of facts. We always strive to communicate effectively and efficiently, though we must wait until all facts have been gathered to prevent the spread of misinformation. We also rely heavily on guidance from the Office of School Safety and Security when dealing with these matters.

Threats against our schools and school community are treated very seriously and investigated thoroughly. Students who are determined to make such threats, even in a "joking" or accusatory manner, face consequences through our school discipline policy, as well as potential legal consequences. Please reinforce this with your children, as well as the importance of reporting any suspicious or potentially threatening activity to an adult as soon as possible so we can quickly and safely address it. If you are aware of a potential threat, please contact the school district and sheriff's department so both entities can react swiftly. Please know that ensuring a safe school environment is and always will be our top priority. We understand recent events have increased concern within the district. Please be assured we are making improvements and consistently analyzing what we can do to make our school as safe as possible to better serve and represent our school community.

If you have any questions about this incident, please feel free to contact the school office. We appreciate your support of Moss public Schools.

Sincerely,

Robin Cann