



EASTERN YORK HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Eastern York Families,

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of a report of an alleged threat a student made toward a teacher at Eastern York High School. The report was received today, February 21st, 2018, through our Safe Schools Alert System. This anonymous tip stated that a student was overheard making a threat to shoot a teacher who had asked him to place his personal electronic device that was not being used for academic purposes in a secure location during classroom instruction. The high school administration immediately notified the Superintendent's office and the Lower Windsor Township Police Department of the alleged threat and an investigation was conducted with law enforcement. We immediately assessed the validity of this report and took appropriate actions to ensure the safety of our staff and students. The student will not be permitted on school property during the investigation.

If a report of this nature is substantiated, it is a violation of law; criminal charges may be filed in addition to school-imposed disciplinary measures, including but not limited to, suspension from school or expulsion. The student involved will be subject to appropriate school board policy and laws that govern terroristic threats.

As always, student safety is our greatest priority. Through the receipt of this report from our Safe Schools Alert System, the administration of Eastern York High School was able to identify the threat, communicate with law enforcement and parents, investigate, and ensure the safety of all students and staff. Eastern York administration will continue to communicate with parents and guardians about safety issues when they arise.

Please discuss this incident with your children and emphasize that it is against the law to make terroristic threats. Also, please emphasize the importance of telling you or a staff member if you hear of a threat at school. In this way, we are all working together to keep our school safe. Eastern York School District utilizes the SafeSchools Alert system which allows anyone to report incidents via text, email, or phone. Reports can be submitted online at: <http://1340.alert1.us>; via text or voice message to: (717) 478-7052; or emailed to 1340@alert1.us. Additionally, students may use their smartphone devices to scan QR codes that link to the above-mentioned web address. These QR codes have been placed throughout the High School.

As shared by Dr. Pianowski, Superintendent of Schools, since the tragic events in Florida last week, rumors and speculation have permeated schools across the area. It is important that we continue to work together as a community to make sure that all of our students and staff are safe in our schools.. Thank you in advance for your cooperation as we work together to ensure the safest environment for our students, staff and community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Timothy Mitzel, EYHS Principal

Dr. Darla Pianowski, Superintendent