



MONTCALM AREA INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Students:

Thank you for being a part of our school community. There is always so much excitement in the air for the opportunities students have as they attend school. There is also a lot of planning involved to assure quality education, programs, and services are available for our students. Many hours of this planning are devoted to student safety and building security.

The safety of our students and the security of our school buildings is paramount. The single most important thing that we do as a school community is keep our students safe. We are continuously training staff in emergency response, building security, and student safety. We work in close contact and collaboration with our law enforcement, first responders, and emergency management partners. In accordance with the State of Michigan 2014 Public Act 0012, we are required to conduct a number of school safety drills on an annual basis and we train in these areas with great integrity and concern for the safety of our students and school community.

As you know, schools in Montcalm County, and across the country, have experienced an increase in school threats. These threats will not be tolerated. They will be investigated by law enforcement and prosecuted in accordance with the law which can result in extremely serious consequences. Felony criminal charges could apply with the most serious of crimes carrying a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison. The consequences of such behavior can result in severe and lifelong changes for the person(s) making such threats. This is not a situation to be taken lightly.

It is our goal to continue fostering safe and healthy school environments. We encourage students to support one another and develop positive relationships in their school communities. There are several ways for them to confidentially report situations that seem suspicious or make them feel uneasy. It is important to remember "if you see something, say something" and trust in a teacher, counselor, or school administrator. The OK2Say hotline is also an option for confidential reporting and can be done online at ok2say.com or by calling 1-855-565-2729 or texting 652729.

If you have questions about your school's safety plan or emergency procedures, please contact us. The safety of our students is our most urgent and important role as school administrators.

Sincerely,

Ronald Simon
Superintendent

Andrea Krause, Prosecuting Attorney
Montcalm County

Michael J. Williams, Sheriff
Montcalm County

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