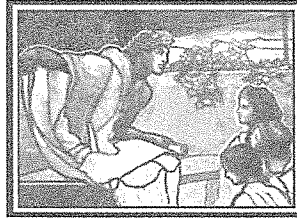


# CHATHAM CENTRAL SCHOOLS



September 19, 2016

Dear CHS Families,

Today at Chatham High School, students alerted school staff that a student had made a threat against the High School on social media. We immediately responded by contacting law enforcement and holding the High School students in their classrooms. The student in question was removed from class without incident and protocols were followed to establish that there was no immediate danger. The "shelter in place" lasted about twenty minutes and classes resumed their normal schedule at approximately 12:30 p.m. Together with law enforcement, we have determined that there is no current danger and Chatham High School will be open as normal on Tuesday, September 20.

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 our school's Code of Conduct, as well as potential legal consequences.

Today's incident is a prime example of people taking seriously our request that "if you see something, say something." I am particularly proud of the students who came forward and alerted us to this situation so that we could quickly address it in the safest manner possible. Please reinforce with your children the importance of reporting any suspicious activity to an adult as soon as possible.

Please know that safety is of the utmost importance at Chatham Central Schools and we take all threats very seriously. We are grateful for the cooperation and assistance of our school resource deputy, the Columbia County Sheriff's Office, the New York State Police, our staff, and our students.

Sincerely,

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