



March 31, 2023

Dear Lamoille North Families and Staff,

We are pleased to report that the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department (LCSD) has concluded from their investigation that students and staff are safe and that the threat has been deemed not credible as they had previously surmised. We can share with you that this event concerned a juvenile and social media conversations. Due to the involvement of a juvenile, there are limited facts that we can share with you, but LCSD can say with confidence that the threat was not credible. The investigation was time consuming because of the involvement of social media platforms which involve many layers in order to access the footprint of the conversation. Once LCSD obtained all the information, the scope of the event was clear.

The anonymous tip is a great example of the "See Something, Say Something" culture and we thank the individual, or individuals, who shared their concern because it prompted immediate action. We also thank our community partners - LCSD, administration, staff and students - for their strong collaboration with us every step of the way.

On a slightly different, but relevant note, there will continue to be an official police presence at the school today because we committed to that as part of our safety plan in this situation.

As we all know, world events are unpredictable, but our safety protocols allow us to address, with confidence, difficult events should they arise. Please know that our first priority is to always ensure the safety of our students and staff and communication will follow after we have attended to their safety first.

All questions about the investigation itself should, as previously stated, be directed to LCSD at (802) 888-3502. We are thankful for our community and all of the people who supported our students and staff this week.

Our best to you,

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