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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Yesterday afternoon, it was reported to Dr. Watkis, our Principal at Dayton Avenue School, that a verbal threat was made by a 6th grade student to a classmate. After her investigation, Dr. Watkis established that the reported comment was made by the student.

Please know that our District takes any and all threats seriously. Once it is determined that a threat is made by an individual, it is our procedure to notify local law enforcement. As such the Suffolk County Police were notified yesterday afternoon to investigate.

I also want you to know that the student who made the threatening comments was sent home from school with their parent and will receive the appropriate school consequences, as well as any necessary education and support regarding the gravity of these types of statements.

I am hopeful that this incident serves as a vital reminder for you to review with your children that; if you see, **hear**, or learn of something potentially concerning, please contact us immediately.

As always, our top priority is the safety and security of our students and staff. We thank you in advance for your continued help in keeping our schools and community safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Steimel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "J" and "S".

Joseph A. Steimel
Superintendent of Schools

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