

I am writing today to discuss the importance of safety and security in the Gravity Falls School District. More importantly, I am writing today to ask for the help of all parents and guardians in the Gravity Falls community!

In recent months, our community has experienced an increase in the number of threats made by students. Without exception, these threats were made on social media or via text. Most of the time, kids make threats out of fear or anger – or even as a joke. But we have to take every threat seriously. And even jokes can cause real fear for other students.

We need your help as we address these new threats. Talk with your kids about school violence. Encourage them to talk to you or an adult at school if they are scared or angry. Explain the dangers of making threats and why even jokes can get them in trouble. Emphasize the importance of respecting others. We have resources available to help you have this talk. Go to www.GFSD.edu/threatresources for help.

Hate has no place in our schools. There is never an excuse to threaten violence, whether you mean to act on it or not. All comments, posts, and behaviors that interfere with the learning environment or pose a safety concern will be taken seriously.

You can learn more GFSD’s threat response process on that website. Families are a critical part of the process. You can help ensure we know what kinds of concerning posts are being shared. The first step to addressing the concerns is knowing what was texted or posted on social media.

In two weeks, we will also host a virtual community meeting on Tuesday evening. This is a chance to learn about GFSD’s approach to threats based on our research-driven policy. All threats are taken very seriously and addressed through a variety of methods. This can include school discipline, police involvement, counseling, bystander intervention, and other school programs.

We also commit to sharing information with the GFSD community when a threat occurs. The best way to receive updates is from our website or Facebook account. It may often take days to investigate a threat fully and ensure proper steps are in place to prevent violence. We will share information about threats as they occur and follow up with details as they become known.

We have amazing students and families! I would like to thank you for your continued help in these troubling times. Remember, if you “See Something...Say Something.” Please continue to speak up. Encourage students to seek out a trusted adult. Thank you for your cooperation and support in making Gravity Falls a safe and welcoming community. THANK YOU!

Sincerely,



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