



# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Patrik D. Williams, Superintendent

December 17, 2021

Dear Smyrna-Clayton-Kenton Families,

The Smyrna School District is aware of a troubling post that has been shared widely this week on the social media platform TikTok. The post refers to a threat to school safety “for every school in the USA, even elementary,” today, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend and did not originate in our school district. We have heard reports from other districts and other states that the same post is circulating in their schools. While law enforcement does not believe the threat to be credible, we will monitor it as we continue to guard student and staff safety. Additionally, our school resource officers are also aware and vigilant.

This situation serves as a good example of why it is important to avoid sharing posts online that refer to school safety threats. Even if they are not credible threats, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for our students, families, and staff. We ask our families to monitor their children’s social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online.

If you or your child become aware of any potential threat posted to social media or anywhere else, please notify law enforcement, a school staff member or a trusted adult right away.

As always, thank you for your partnership as we work to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Patrik Williams  
Superintendent