



Leonard Independent School District

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Dear LHS Parents,

Today, our high school administration was made aware of a message that was sent out to some high school students recently through social media which made a reference to a possible school threat to the campus. A student saw the group message and reported this information to staff which allowed administration to identify the students involved. They were immediately detained and questioned by school authorities and no weapons were brought to school.

Although the students involved indicated this was a joke between a group of friends and there was no immediate threat to the school, it is a very serious matter and is being handled as such. The district is taking appropriate measures regarding this incident, and those involved can be disciplined for their actions from a school standpoint and local law enforcement have been notified to investigate as well. At no time were students or staff put in any danger.

This is an important reminder that these types of issues will be taken seriously and will be investigated. Making a statement that this was done as a "joke" is not acceptable in this day and time where school safety is of the utmost importance. Parents are encouraged to talk with their kids about safety as well as to monitor their student's social media accounts. Too often in society today, we see young adults make inappropriate comments online that can follow them for many years to come. Safety is our top priority at Leonard ISD and we are working with the Leonard Police Department regarding this issue. Thank you for your support of LISD.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brad Maxwell".

Brad Maxwell

Leonard ISD Superintendent