

February 26, 2018

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing to inform you about an incident that occurred at our school today and to implore you to have serious conversations with your child about this matter and the proper outlets to address it.

This morning we became aware of a Snapchat post that implied that there was a threat at our school and that someone would “kill all the blacks.” As is the case with Snapchat, this post was shared by students very quickly.

Although it was posted sometime yesterday, staff members at Chesapeake made aware of it during arrival this morning, after it had been shared widely among students. We immediately involved police, and began to investigate. We quickly identified the student involved. In addition to any charges that may be forthcoming from police, appropriate disciplinary action has been taken in accordance with our Code of Student Conduct.

At this time, we do not believe the threat is credible. We, along with police, will continue to investigate.

I urge you to talk to your child about this matter. Please emphasize how seriously we take every single report of a threat, and the consequences that can result even if such a post is made in a joking manner. Urging those reading a post to “please be safe” does not absolve one from consequences for making such a post.

This is clearly a time of high anxiety within our community and across our country. I appreciate everything you do to help us ease those anxieties for our children.

Sincerely,

Stephen W. Gorski
Principal, Chesapeake High School

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