

O.L. Smith Middle School



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Greetings O.L. Smith Community,

In this day of instant communication it is not uncommon for situations occurring at school to become the topic of rumors and social media conversations. Unfortunately, many times these conversations contain only partial information or worse yet, are **completely inaccurate**. My message today is to provide clear facts on a conversation that occurred at our school that led to false information being posted on social media.

Yesterday, at the end of the day, a few students were discussing a video game. Comments related to threatening behaviors were overheard by other students and the comments were eventually posted to social media. Fortunately the comments were removed a short time later but other students saw the comments and begin talking about a possible threat to our school.

Our team, along with the Dearborn Police investigated the origin of the comments and determined there was no credible threat to our school and **at no time were any students in danger**.

Nationally, and even right here locally, there have been several stories involving students who have made inappropriate or false comments on social media. These students face very serious consequences for their actions. As a school, when we become aware of any type of threatening comment we must act swiftly to investigate. If students are involved in making false or threatening comments the discipline can be severe. Please use this information as an opportunity to talk with your children about careful use of social media, spreading rumors, and making comments to other students in school or in the community.

By working together and keeping an open line of communication we will continue to provide all students with a safe learning environment.

Sincerely,

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