

# Richmond Community Schools

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January 9, 2023

## **Re: Second Threat Received**

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This communication is to provide you with information on a new situation that was discovered Sunday night.

While at the Board office last night, shortly after releasing an updated letter to the Board of Education, staff, and parents and guardians regarding the threatening letter received by the Middle School Dean of Students, I was forwarded an email a staff member received on Friday. The staff member had not checked their email until Sunday night and did not know they received the threatening email.

The email received by the staff person indicated they would be harmed if they did not quit their job. While this email had personal information and threatened to harm specific individuals, it was different from the previous threat in that it came from an anonymous email and was not left in the building. The police were immediately notified, and an investigation was launched regarding the second threat. In addition, a walk-through and scan of the staff person's classroom by police revealed nothing.

Late last night, I had a telephone conversation with Chief Costello from the Richmond Police Department regarding the latest incident and opening school. After consulting with the Police Chief, I determined that school would open as planned. Prior to the latest threat, Chief Costello and I arranged to have uniformed officers in each of the district's three buildings. The police officers are monitoring the safety of students and staff and security of the building. I am grateful for the partnership our district has with the City of Richmond Police Department.

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As more information becomes available, further updates will be provided. I ask that you respect the process as this is an active investigation and information that can be released is limited. Richmond Community Schools is committed to ensuring our buildings are safe. We encourage everyone if they see something, say something. Please report any unusual behaviors or occurrences to administration or call the Richmond Police Department at (586) 727-4000.

The safety of Richmond students and staff is our number one priority.

Sincerely,  
Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.  
Superintendent



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