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January 11, 2023

RE: THIRD THREAT RECEIVED

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This communication is to provide you with information on a new situation that was reported to the district this evening.

At 6:43pm this evening, Ms. Marella, Principal of Richmond Middle School, received notification from *OK2SAY* that a middle school student was going to *"come to school with a gun and is not afraid to use it."* The district immediately notified the Richmond Police. Police officers were sent to the student's home to investigate. As of 7:30pm this evening, no contact has been made with the student or the student's parents. **THEREFORE, SCHOOL WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2023, WHILE POLICE INVESTIGATE THIS THREAT.**

OK2SAY is the state-wide student safety program which allows individuals to confidentially report tips on potential harm or criminal activities directed at students, school employees, and schools. It uses a comprehensive communication system to facilitate tip sharing among students, parents, school personnel, community mental health service programs, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, and law enforcement officials about harmful behaviors that threaten to disrupt the learning environment.

With everything going on, students may need counseling support to help them process life. While the district's highly qualified counselors and social workers are available during the school day, life's issues do not always occur during normal school hours and on school days. The district continues to offer FREE counseling services for preK-12 grade students through *CARE of Southeast Michigan*. Counseling services may be accessed by parents/guardians, or students

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In compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Education amendments of 1972, Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, Title II of the Americans with Disability Act of 1990, and Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act of 1977, it is the policy of the Richmond Community School District that no person shall, on the basis of race, color, religion, military status, national origin or ancestry, sex (including sexual orientation), disability, age (except as authorized by law,) height, weight, or marital status be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to, discrimination during any program, activity, service or employment. Inquiries related to any nondiscrimination policies should be directed to the Superintendent, 35276 Division Road, Richmond, MI 48062, (586) 727-3565.

fourteen and older, calling (586) 541-CARE (2273). Each Richmond student would receive up to five (5) FREE counseling sessions, per topic. When parents/guardians (or students fourteen and older) call, tell the operator that you are from Richmond Community Schools and their trained staff will connect your family with an appropriate counselor.

Most importantly, if you or your child hear or read something of a concerning nature, SAY SOMETHING. Report it to the police department or school immediately. We need to support each other as the past few days have been frightening for students, parents, and staff. Please take time to review with your children the dangers of threatening harm to individuals or spreading misinformation on social media and the possible consequences. The safety of your children and our staff are my highest priority.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Walmsley, Ed.S.
Superintendent

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