



# Oakley W. Best Middle School

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Dear Parents,

In an effort to provide parents with timely and accurate information about student safety, I want to share with you an incident that administration became aware of today.

An anonymous tip was provided to an administrator that a school threat was written on a bathroom wall in the school and posted on social media. The school, in cooperation with the Dearborn Heights Police Department, began an immediate investigation. Our school administrators and the police reviewed the message and determined the threat not to be credible.

As with all matters of student safety, we have taken this very seriously and have acted accordingly. We are currently reviewing surveillance video and will again address students to garner their support in reporting any behavior which may compromise their safety. This is one area where I need your help. Please encourage your child to let a teacher or administrator know if a situation exists which could place them and others in danger.

I want to thank the individual who provided us with the information necessary to investigate and bring closure to this incident. Only by working as a school community can we create and maintain the level of safety that we want for our children and that they certainly deserve.

Sincerely,

Melanie Ward  
Principal