



September 12, 2024

Dear Staff and Community,

This afternoon, a potential threat to our District was reportedly made on one of the Mattawan school buses. We want to inform you that the situation has been fully investigated by the appropriate authorities and **determined as not credible. This is no threat to our District.** Thank you Mattawan PD, Dept. Olney, and Dept. Anderson for your quick action.

After a thorough review this afternoon, it was concluded that students were discussing and/or overheard bits and pieces of conversation regarding the recent incident that occurred at Three Rivers schools earlier today, which led to a shutdown there.

The Three Rivers situation has been handled by St. Joseph County Sheriff's Office and poses no risk to our district. This includes the clearing of an apparent social media post referencing a 'list' of potential targets. This post was fully investigated by Three Rivers Authorities earlier today. You may have seen this post talked about locally on our social medias around Mattawan. **There is no threat regarding this post.**

We would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone—staff, students, and parents—of the importance of promptly reporting any suspicious behavior or concerns to school officials. Ensuring the safety of our students and community requires vigilance from all of us.

This is also a good time to have conversations with your children about safety, situational awareness, and the importance of reporting anything unusual or suspicious to a trusted adult.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation in maintaining a safe environment for all.

Kind regards,

Randy Fleenor, Superintendent