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Dear Marshwood Community,

This afternoon one of our MHS students received a communication via Snap Chat indicating that a gun was available if they wanted to shoot up their school. The student who received this unsolicited message alerted Mr. Mehlhorn who immediately contacted the South Berwick Police Department. Upon investigation, it appears that the person who sent the Snap Chat to the MHS student was an individual located in Cleveland, Ohio. South Berwick Police Officer Hartley who was dispatched to MHS has assessed that there is no imminent threat to the Marshwood community as a result of this incident. He will be working with law enforcement officers in Cleveland, Ohio and will seek to subpoena records from Snap Chat to further his investigative efforts.

I would like to commend the student who came forward with this information and brought it to Mr. Mehlhorn's attention. Coming forward and bringing such information to a responsible adult's attention is exactly the right thing to do! Thank you! I would also like to thank the South Berwick Police for their quick and intelligent response to such an invasive intrusion on our community! Thank you!

I have attached Mr. Mehlhorn's letter to the MHS community to this letter so that you can review this event in greater detail.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



Mary Nash, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools
MSAD 35

To All Members of the Marshwood Community:

I am writing to inform you of a situation that was brought to our attention this afternoon. Before getting into the facts, I want to express my sincerest appreciation to the student who brought the concern to our attention and the quick and thorough response from local law enforcement to ensure our safety was never compromised. A Marshwood student had received a snapchat message from an unknown person that they had recently connected with. The message indicated they had a gun. The student immediately brought this to my attention. I then contacted law enforcement and worked with them to determine who the person was that sent the message and the level of concern. In a very short period of time we were able to determine that the snapchat message came from a person who was in Ohio and there was no threat to our school community. Law enforcement is moving forward with this information and contacting the appropriate people in Ohio. This situation reminds us all that these incidences can happen anywhere and we all must be vigilant in coming forth with any information that may suggest harm to others. Again, I am most thankful for those who did the right thing for all our safety.

Sincerely,
Paul Mehlhorn
Marshwood High School
Principal