



COVINGTON CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Covington City Public Schools' Parents & Guardians:

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, a verbal threat was made by a Jeter-Watson Intermediate School student. Students reported the incident to Mr. Rob Bennett, Principal, and the Covington City Police were promptly notified. The student subsequently confessed to verbalizing the threat and was charged. The Covington City Police determined the threat was not credible. Covington City Schools remained on a regular school day schedule on Thursday, April 12, 2018.

We acknowledge that these threats are very concerning and disruptive to our students, parents, and the community at large. We seriously take any threat and respond accordingly in conjunction with our law enforcement partners. We have a zero tolerance for threats of any form. Any individual committing such acts will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. In addition to legal charges, students committing such acts will be fully subject to the policies of the Covington City School Board to include expulsion from school.

I ask that you have a serious conversation with your children regarding the severe consequences that can result for individuals who make threats to a school regardless of whether or not they are of malicious intent.

We continue to urge students, parents, and the community at large to remain vigilant, and report any unusual or suspicious activity regardless of how trivial it may seem. Through the collaborative efforts of all of us, we will continue to do our utmost to ensure the safety and security of our students, faculty, and staff.

The students who reported the threat are to be commended. Also, we recognize Jeter-Watson Intermediate School administration and staff and the Covington City Police Department for their prompt response to this threat.

Sincerely,

Melinda Snead-Johnson
Division Superintendent