



Superintendent of Schools

An update from Mr. Brad Willson

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USD 345 Families,

As we begin the 2022-23 school year, I would like to remind you all that the health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority in the Seaman School District. I would also like to remind you of the steps we take when threats are reported to district officials. It is our commitment to protect your children against all threats and keep parents and guardians informed along the way.

Unfortunately, schools do occasionally encounter threats in various forms (i.e. verbal threats made by students, vague untraceable threats on social media posts, anonymous threats, hoax threats, etc.) and you may receive notification of reported threats. While these notifications may seem alarming, it is important to remember that we have made the decision to keep you aware of ALL building threats, therefore; you may receive notifications of threats that have been deemed non-credible but we want you to know what we know, to reduce the possibility of inaccurate information that may be circulating.

Every threat we receive is taken seriously and thoroughly investigated in coordination with law enforcement. Reports of threats can come to us at any hour of the day and it will always be our intent to keep families informed when we are made aware of a threat that is associated with your student's building. Every threat is assessed to determine an appropriate response, which could include: additional law enforcement presence, bag checks, K-9 units, closing schools, evacuations, etc.

Every school has a reunification plan for parents and students in the event of an emergency that would require evacuation. It is important to keep your contact information updated in PowerSchool so we can effectively communicate this information as needed. We will work to keep school in session and on schedule to the best of our ability.

Our district has spent a great deal of time and effort strengthening our security measures over the past several years, including: locking all doors when school is in session; monitoring video surveillance; maintaining only one entry into the schools; investigating all reports; and installing security film on glass. We also practice drills with students, so we are better prepared in case of an emergency. Our security department continues to implement new safety measures which includes providing fob and key access to first responders for quick entry into our buildings and interior doors. This summer, our district hosted a Shawnee County Sheriff's Office crisis response training for area school police officers to help work through scenarios and decision making in emergency situations.

It is important to remember that school safety is a partnership which requires us all to work together. Please keep us informed of concerns you may have. We encourage families to talk with their children regularly about safety and the importance of reporting concerns, including rumors. The district's [See Something, Say Something](#) reporting tool is available and continuously monitored.

Thank you for your help in keeping our schools, students, and staff safe.

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Brad Willson
Superintendent