

Over the course of Sunday afternoon, October 15, 2017 it was brought to the attention of the Colonie Police and the High School Administration, by a variety of sources, that on social media there were posts of a violent and threatening nature made by a student toward the school.

These images and posts were quickly ascertained and the Colonie Police responded immediately. As the investigation remains ongoing and the school district will continue to work in cooperation throughout, we believe there to be no credible threat based on CPD's findings.

In regard to the individual alleged to have made these posts, as well as the safety and security of our school community, this individual has been and currently remains on an individualized learning program off school campus and all alternative sites. Prior to these recent Social Media posts, the student has been prohibited from being on high school property without being subjected to trespassing charges.

Despite these previous efforts, we still find ourselves in a situation where this individual is bringing the safety and security of the school into question. The reason for his posts and what his intentions truly are remain unknown at this time. We hope that further investigation by the Colonie Police Department in concert with the individual's family can uncover the motives as well as lead to the support services this student requires.

Regardless of why, these careless and troubling actions have the potential to devastate a community with fear and disarray. It is important we reiterate that we are a strong community, which prides itself on inclusion and empathy; this individual's action will not dissuade the strength of our identity.

Therefore, as a District we will handle this incident in the most appropriate and serious manner we are afforded in order to ensure the safety of the staff and students in our school community. While the events of today have caused unrest, it is expected that tomorrow, and each day after, is again a safe place to learn and educate children.

Thank you to the many who recognized this was wrong and contacted the authorities and administration. You embody thoughtful decision-making and prove to be valuable assets toward creating a caring and safe learning community.