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Good afternoon families,

Sadly, in wake of the recent Parkland, Florida tragedy, schools across the country have been grappling with social media threats intended to instill fear and anxiety. While we cannot comment on this particular police investigation around a threat made to East, I want to stress how fortunate we are to be part of a community in which the police department works closely with schools to ensure the safety of the entire school community.

We remain very grateful to the Rochester Police Department for their partnership and for keeping us well informed throughout the entire process. Their presence on campus last week and their guidance on how to best keep staff and students safe during this efficient, successful police investigation, reiterates their ongoing support.

I would like to clarify information as some media outlets have incorrectly reported this story. The suspect is not a current East scholar, she attends another Rochester City School.

Please know that the safety of students and staff is our top priority.

Thank you,

Shaun Nelms
Superintendent