



Ichabod Crane Central School District

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Yesterday after dismissal, members of the school community brought to the attention of Ichabod Crane administration that a high school student had made a post on social media that was perceived as threatening to the High School.

We immediately contacted the Columbia County Sheriff's Office and they began conducting a full investigation of the possible threat. Because of the thorough investigation by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in collaboration with school administration, it was determined that there was no credible threat against any of the schools or students. Because of this, all Ichabod Crane schools opened as normal today.

We worked closely with the Columbia County Sheriff's Department throughout the evening and received final confirmation that there was **no threat** after their investigation ended around 10:30 PM. Once the investigation finished, we put up a statement on our social media informing the community of the situation. An automated call was made early this morning to parents informing them of the situation and confirming that the potential threat was not credible.

Student safety was the number one priority throughout this situation. We take any potential threat made to our District and our schools very seriously and respond in accordance to our district policies. Earlier today, our high school administration spoke to all students from grades 9-12 about this incident and about practicing appropriate behavior on social media. We made students aware that if they choose to make certain statements online or by other means, they face consequences through our school's Code of Conduct, as well as potential legal consequences.

We are grateful for the assistance we received from the Columbia County Sheriff's Office to help ensure that the issue was resolved before the start of school today. We are also particularly proud of the individuals who came forward and alerted the district administration to this situation so it could be quickly addressed in the safest manner possible. We encourage community members to report suspicious activity directly to us.

Please remember that official district sources - like school district personnel, our website and social media - are the best sources to receive accurate and up-to-date information about Ichabod Crane schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Suzanne Guntlow'. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Suzanne Guntlow

Assistant to the Acting Superintendent