

February 3, 2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This letter is a follow-up to my correspondence dated January 30<sup>th</sup>. At that time, I informed you of a possible safety threat to our students and staff via an internet message from an outside source.

I am pleased to inform you that our approach to insure the safety to our students and staff was exemplary. Within a matter of four hours, the New York State Police in conjunction with the New Jersey State Police were able to interview acquaintances of the author of the safety threat as well as the individual responsible for the correspondence.

The NYS Police Investigator we worked with clearly indicated that this was a low risk and the individual involved viewed the correspondence as a "joke". The individual was placed on notice by both the New York and New Jersey State Police that any other communication would be taken very seriously as a potential criminal act.

I'd like to thank our staff, students and the New York and New Jersey State Police for their cooperation and assistance during this situation. As mentioned previously, the safety and welfare of our students and staff is our highest priority. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Anthony R. Albanese  
Superintendent

Cc: Margaretville Central Board of Education  
Sergeant Leahy, NYS Police

