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Vandercook Lake Community,

Late in the afternoon, the district administration was notified of a possible situation involving a student making a concerning comment at the high school. Immediately, the district administration brought the student into a secure location to discuss the events that took place. The student fully cooperated with the district administration and later with the school's police liaison. At this time, multiple witnesses have relayed information that shows no evidence of a specific or direct threat to our school community. We will continue to investigate the incident and anticipate its conclusion by the end of the day on Friday.

District administration will continue to collaborate with our local sheriff's department to investigate the situation. Upon the investigation's completion, the evidence gathered will be submitted to our county's prosecuting attorney to determine whether a credible threat exists. The student in question and the student's family continue to cooperate with our investigation and have agreed to our directive that the student remains at home until the prosecuting attorney can determine the next step.

The safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. With additional precautions put in place, we feel it is safe and appropriate to hold classes on Friday. We thank you for your patience and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott Leach". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" and "L".

Scott Leach