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Dear Gresham School District Families,

The Gresham School District is aware of multiple Tik Tok videos that warn of a school shooting on December 17. The posts do not specifically identify any school or district. These posts and videos did not originate in the Gresham area.

We take all threats to our schools very seriously. Since these videos are being shared widely across the country, at this time we do not believe there is a threat to our schools. Social media is a powerful tool often used to influence others, and not always for the good.

Safety protocols were reviewed with all students this week. "If you see or hear something, tell someone" is the best defense in preventing any act of violence. It has been clearly stated all threats, even jokes about threats, are taken seriously. Consequences range from citations to criminal charges and expulsion from the school district.

Anyone may inform local law enforcement by submitting a tip to the Shawano County crime tip line at **715-526-9200** or call **911**.

This situation serves as a good example of why it is important to avoid sharing posts online that refer to school safety threats. Even if they are not credible threats, they can cause a great deal of stress and anxiety for our students, families, and staff. We encourage you to speak with your children, monitor their social media accounts, and reach out to law enforcement or mental health services if you suspect anything suspicious.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Newell Haffner, Gresham Superintendent.

Sincerely

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