



# Bluford Unit School District #318

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To: Families of Bluford Unit School District #318

From: Adam J. Cross, Superintendent

Re: School Safety

As we remember September 11, 2001, it is time to reflect and reiterate the importance of school safety to our students, staff, families, and community. With recent situations at neighboring school districts and across the nation, it is important to remind everyone to report suspicious information to local authorities and/or administration.

Social media has gone rampant in recent years with threats of incidents, particularly to schools. Sometimes referred to as "swatting," these mass messages (via social media platforms) or cyber calls to school districts inflict fear and worry on many.

We encourage all of our students, staff, families, and community members to report any unusual situations, social media posts, etc. to the local authorities, administrator, staff member, or trusted adult.

**"See something, say something,"** is how we will keep our students, staff, and community safer.

The intent of this letter is not to inflict fear or worry amongst our stakeholders, but rather to bring awareness. We encourage families to monitor their child's social media accounts, as these are the main modes of transmitting such despicable threats.

It is also important to note that if you see/hear something specific, to report the information immediately, but not to share, duplicate, or spread via social media. This only creates undue alarm for others and hinders authorities' investigations of the information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 618-732-8242. Thank you for your support of Bluford Schools to keep everyone safe!

Yours for Better Schools,

Adam J. Cross  
Superintendent