Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017

Dear H-F Parents/Guardians:

On Sunday, Nov. 12, 2017, the FBI received an anonymous phone call to its hotline. The caller reported a Snapchat posting of a student holding a gun. The caption with the image read, "Who's ready for school Monday?" The FBI contacted the Homewood Police Department, and both agencies responded to the homes of the two students who were allegedly involved with this social media posting. The authorities spoke with each student and their parents, which resulted in the recovery of the airsoft toy gun that was used in the social media posting. At this point, the authorities feel that the Snapchat post was a hoax and not a credible threat.

Any threat against our school community — credible or not — is unsettling; we want to reassure students, staff and families that the authorities will be holding the students responsible to the fullest extent of the law and that the school will be seeking appropriate disciplinary action.

School will be open tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 13, 2017. Please share with your student(s) the serious nature of these types of situations and ask them to report any unsettling or inappropriate actions or postings that they may see. Also, please remind them that in the world we live in today, threats of violence – even when made as a joke – will always be taken and responded to seriously. It is important that we are all diligent in this regard in order to ensure the safety of our school and community.

We would like to thank the individual who made the initial report to the authorities, and we'd like to thank the Homewood Police Department and federal officers for responding so quickly. Thank you, as well, for your support in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

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