



LATTA SCHOOL

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From the Office of the Superintendent:

The administration would like to commend the actions of both law enforcement and school personnel regarding the alleged allegations of a threat last Friday. The alleged threat was investigated and found to be unsubstantiated at this time, as protocols were put into action. Because of social media, some of these protocols were witnessed and reported as parents were dropping off students for the school day and were being reported while happening in real time. No students or personnel were ever in danger. Parents were notified as soon as time permitted. Latta Public School is always striving to improve. We are taking this opportunity to make an improved communication plan. While communication is a priority, securing student safety will always be our first priority.

With that being said, we have just become aware of a post that is being shared this week on the social media platform TikTok. The post refers to a threat to school safety “for every school in the USA, even elementary,” on **Friday, December 17**. The post appears to be part of a national TikTok trend. Even though there is no evidence of a connection between this social media post and Latta Public Schools, we are still closely monitoring the situation, as Latta School takes any threat seriously.

The district has been in contact with the Pontotoc County Sheriff’s Department regarding the TikTok post. We will have an increased security presence on our campus on Friday as an added precaution.

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 ask our families to monitor their children’s social media activity and speak with them about proper behavior online.

If you or your child become aware of any potential threat posted to social media or anywhere else, please notify a member of the school’s administration.

Thank you for your partnership as we work to ensure a safe, secure, and positive learning environment for our students.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Superintendent
Latta Public Schools