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Dear Meridian Township Community:

The tragic events that occurred at Oxford High School last week have deeply affected communities throughout the area. We are asking for your help to ensure our schools and community remain safe for everyone.

Unfortunately, many school districts and law enforcement agencies across our state have been inundated with threats of violence. Not only do school threats have a traumatic and emotional impact on students, staff, parents/guardians, and police/first responders; threats also redirect invaluable school and law enforcement resources that are needed elsewhere to educate our students and keep our community safe.

We are fortunate to have an outstanding partnership between our schools and the Meridian Township Police. When we are informed about a possible threat of danger, we must, and we do, take them seriously. If your child makes a false threat of violence, they will be subject to school discipline and will be investigated and referred to the criminal prosecutor.

The best way to keep our schools safe and prevent acts of violence from occurring is to build relationships and keep an open line of communication. Please talk with your children. Take time to monitor your student's social media. If you are aware of any threats, please contact us immediately. If your family owns any firearms, please be sure the appropriate safety measures are taken to keep them in a secure location.

We will continue to work together to keep schools safe and provide the best learning environment for all of our students.

Ken Plaga, Chief of Police
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