



CRAZY HORSE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am writing this letter to keep you informed of a serious issue that occurred regarding our school. On Sunday, October 2, 2022, I was made aware of a threat directed at Crazy Horse School on social media. Upon learning of the threat, I reported this to the Pine Ridge Law Enforcement and our school's internal security staff. I also closed the School on Monday so that School Administration could assess and contain the threat.

On Monday, October 3, 2022, administrators, directors, security staff and counselors met to make sure we had a plan in place to help our students and staff feel safe and secure. We want you to be aware that the administration and staff are exercising extreme diligence and taking all proper actions required by law and policy. Actions taken thus far are:

- increasing in-house security staff
- implementing a heightened camera and lockdown procedure at the main door
- adding more security walk-throughs throughout the day
- increasing the use of the metal detector for all persons entering the school
- continuing back-pack searches
- scheduling time for counselors and social workers to meet with students, and
- working with an outside company to create an emergency plan that students and staff can be trained in and practice.

We will continue to work with law enforcement and welcome their offer to patrol our area more often to help maintain a safe learning and working environment at CHS.

Please know that the safety of our staff and your children is one of our top concerns and any threat of violence is taken very seriously. With that in mind, this is an opportune time to discuss this situation with your children and emphasize that there are serious consequences for making threats of violence towards the school, even if they indicate they were "just kidding." Also, we ask parents and guardians to remind your children about the importance of reporting any suspicious or potentially threatening activity to an adult as soon as they encounter something.

Please be assured the School Administration has taken all actions necessary to ensure there is no longer an active threat. At this time, School Administration has determined there is no active threat to the students or staff. Due to the fact this is now in the hands of law enforcement, we must respect the necessity of confidentiality so the integrity of the investigation is not compromised, and therefore we cannot comment further on the details of this case.

We will be meeting with our students and staff to address any concerns they may have. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 605-462-6792.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margo Heinert, Superintendent