## **Eastport-South Manor Central School District**

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Dear Staff, Parents and Guardians,

This morning, it was reported to our administration by a teacher at the Junior-Senior High School that a verbal threat was made by a 9<sup>th</sup> grade student to other students during a class. It was also reported that another 9<sup>th</sup> grade student in the same class had posted a threat on social media. After an investigation of both reports, the parents of the students involved were notified of the situation.

Following our procedures, once it was determined that a threat was made by these students, we notified local law enforcement, so they can investigate the situation as well. In this case, the Suffolk County Police Department responded to the Jr-Sr High School to begin their investigation. I want you to know that the students involved in this situation were sent home under the supervision of their parents. In addition, the appropriate school consequences, regarding the gravity of such comments, will be put in place for each of these students.

I encourage everyone to take this opportunity to discuss with our children the importance of not using language which threatens others, as well as not posting threating messages on social media. Please remind them that all such statements will be taken seriously by the Eastport-South Manor School District and will also be investigated by our local Police Departments.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and attention to matters such as this. As always, our top priority is the safety and security of our students and staff.

Sincerely

Joseph A. Steimel

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