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Dear ESM Community,

This morning it was brought to the attention of the Junior-Senior High School building administration that a student athlete posted a threat on SNAP, which was directed toward an ESM staff member. At that time, it was immediately known that the target of the social media threat was not on campus and very shortly determined that the student who was identified as making the threat, was not in attendance at school. As this was occurring, a call was placed with the Suffolk County Police Department. In addition to this step, our security team was notified, so they were properly prepared if the identified student was seen on campus.

Shortly after they were notified of the social media threat, the Suffolk County P.D. arrived at the school building. The police made a report and indicated they would be visiting the home of the identified student and begin their investigation into the matter.

As you should expect, the parents of the student involved with this incident were notified about the seriousness of this situation by the building administration. Rest assured, when a report of this nature is investigated and it is determined to be accurate and founded, the appropriate school consequences regarding the gravity of such posts will be put in place for a student.

I would like to take a moment to thank the officers of the Suffolk County Police Department for their assistance in these types of situations. We truly appreciate the support of our law enforcement community with these serious matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph A. Steimel". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "J" and "S".

Joseph A. Steimel
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