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Dear Parent/Guardian:

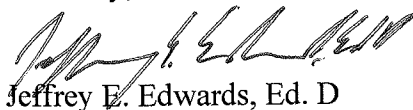
Two separate incidents occurred today involving school security. In the first incident, a community member made a statement in a local business that involved a threat of violence potentially involving the middle school. Citizens appropriately reported this threat to law enforcement, who promptly responded by proceeding to the middle school and engaging in a search of the building. According with the district's safety protocols, all four of Nebraska City's school buildings were placed in lockdown during this search.

In the second incident, a high school student called the Nebraska City Police Department dispatch and made a verbal threat against a teacher. Law enforcement was then able to determine that the call had come from a cell phone located inside the Nebraska City High School. This threat was made at the same time the high school was being placed into lockdown in response to the threat against the middle school. Again, law enforcement reacted immediately by deploying to the high school. The timing of the two events made it seem as if they were all part of the same incident when in fact they were two separate unfortunate events.

Law enforcement responded swiftly and effectively inside and outside the school's buildings. They searched school buildings and property and ultimately took both individuals involved in these two incidents into custody. It does not appear that either individual had a weapon on campus or that they were in a position to carry out their threats.

We are proud of our school staff for following school training and protocol in responding to the threats and making our students' safety their top priority. We want to thank our students, staff, parents, law enforcement, and community members for their responses to these incidents. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent