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Dear Cherry Hill Families,

The safety and security of our students and our staff members is always our primary focus and responsibility.

In the wake of the Oxford, Michigan school shooting and the anniversary of the shootings at Sandy Hook, there has been a social media wave this week involving non-specific threats of violence in schools. Concerning social media images have circulated throughout the region and the country. Many of our building principals, our campus police officers, and our district staff have been involved in investigating and following up on concerns that were brought forward. We continue to work closely with the Cherry Hill Police Department each step of the way and we continue to communicate with other school districts in South Jersey.

Steps we are taking to address the concerns following the rumors circulating on social media:

- An enhanced presence around our schools by the Cherry Hill Police Department.
- Maintaining our daily security protocols at all buildings.
  - o All concerns are documented and investigated.
- Providing access to counselors and staff for students who need additional support.
- Utilizing the StopIT! App at all of our schools for students to make anonymous reports.

If you, or your children, have questions or concerns please reach out to the school, or to the district, or to me directly. Voicing concerns in this manner helps us all keep each other safe.

Sincerely,

Joseph N. Meloche, Ed.D.

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Superintendent, Cherry Hill Public Schools