

February 23, 2018

Dear Families,

Many of you have seen the social media posts in our community today suggesting possible threats to schools in Montezuma County. The Cortez Police Department and Montezuma County Sheriff's Department are aware of these reports, including the Safe2Tell report, and have determined that there is no active threat to Montezuma-Cortez schools. The Cortez Police Department, the Sheriff's Department, and school district officials take all reports seriously and investigate each one that comes in.

Each family has the right to make the choice they feel is in the best interest of their children with regards to school attendance in these situations. Please know that all reports are followed up on by law enforcement and if they determine there is a credible threat, the school district and the police department will work together to quickly implement whatever additional security measures are appropriate in each situation. We are grateful to our partners at law enforcement departments for partnering with us to help keep our students safe.

Emotions are understandably running high right now. The rumors spreading on social media increase anxiety among our students and families. If you have questions about school safety please contact the Superintendent's Office at [970-564-7282 x1119](tel:970-564-7282). If you believe there is a real threat, please call 911 or contact Safe2Tell at [1-877-542-7233](tel:1-877-542-7233).

Please know I am personally committed to the safety of all of our students. If you have any concerns please contact me.

Thank you,

Superintendent Haukeness