

This weekend, community members made the Montezuma-Cortez School District RE-1 administration aware of a potential weapon-related issue with a local youth. RE-1 administrators have been assured by law-enforcement officials that there is no current risk to students or staff, as the individual involved has been contacted by law enforcement and the situation has been addressed. All staff members and law enforcement agencies continue to be alert for any threats.

As your superintendent, in light of the horrific recent school shootings such as those in Florida and Aztec, New Mexico, I would like to emphasize that school safety is of the utmost importance in RE-1. District personnel continually work in partnership with local law enforcement and fire agencies to review and refine student safety plans.

When we learn of a potential threat of any type, all law-enforcement agencies and building administrators immediately contact each other and investigate the situation to determine the level of danger to students and staff. Because the potential threat must be addressed immediately, this often takes place late at night or on weekends. Individuals involved are contacted directly.

A well-rehearsed safety plan is activated. If necessary, the student involved is placed off campus with continued law enforcement involvement.

We recognize that school violence continues to escalate. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all students, family members and communities who are involved in any type of violence.

We appreciate the vigilance of our community. If you ever hear of a possible unsafe situation, please call 911. I can be reached at [970-565-7282, extension 1119](tel:970-565-7282).

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