

# VERNONIA SCHOOL DISTRICT 47J

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Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter to inform you of a threat of violence that was made against the patrons of Vernonia Schools. The person making the threat has been identified, police have been notified and are investigating, and we as a district continue to address the situation internally.

The incident took place on Thursday, October 20 and was a verbal threat of harm from a student, directed primarily at other students who were not treating this person kindly. Words that were spoken did mention actions toward the school as a whole, which necessitates this letter being shared with you.

The District takes the safety and security of our students, staff and schools very seriously. Student safety is our most important responsibility. After initial investigation and threat assessments, we are confident no actions will materialize, and therefore will continue to hold school in regular session.

A copy of this letter was given to each student in the building, and was posted on the District's web page. In addition, counselors are on site and available to talk with any students in need.

Again, we are addressing this situation internally and in conjunction with local authorities, and are taking precautionary measures to ensure the safety of our students, staff and schools.

If you have any questions, please call us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Aaron Miller'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

Aaron Miller  
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