

Wednesday afternoon a picture drawn of a potential shooting event at Vernonia High School was found by a student in a hallway and turned in to a teacher.

That picture listed Friday, May 6 as the date of a potential incident.

The Vernonia School District takes all threats seriously and began investigating accordingly. Through that investigation the origin of the picture and threat were determined and parents and police were notified.

We have consulted with law enforcement and at this time do not believe the threat will materialize. If we did not believe our students would be safe, we would not be holding school.

However, given the seriousness with which we address any threat such as this we are taking extra precautionary measures to further ensure the safety of our students, staff and community. These measures have included parent notification in writing and by phone, consultation with local police and holding school in Lock Out on the day mentioned within the threat.

The steps the District has taken, and is taking, to address the threat are precautionary measures to further ensure our students are safe and secure throughout the building.