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Hello Wolcott Families and Staff:

I'd like to update you on an incident that took place today at Wolcott High School. Early in the school day today, the administration was advised of a possible written threat against other students at the school. The school administrators immediately took this incident seriously and began to investigate in conjunction with Officer Garguilo of the Wolcott Police Department.

A student who was potentially responsible for the written threat was isolated and interviewed and a list containing a very small number of first names of students was obtained. After a full investigation by the administration and police officers, it was determined that no credible threat existed to any member of the school community and that normal school operations were safe to continue.

Through the hard work of the administration, the listed students were identified. The parents of the listed students have been contacted directly by WHS administrators.

I know and fully understand that hearing news such as this can be disconcerting for any parent or teacher. I want to assure you that all of our staff and the Wolcott Police Department will always treat any information like that which we received today with the highest level of seriousness and that student safety takes priority above all else.

The Wolcott Police Department has investigated the matter outside of school as well and determined that there is no reason for any changes to planned school operations for tomorrow (September 26, 2019). For the immediate future, the student in question will not attend school.

Again, I assure you that all necessary steps were taken in this matter and that we have no reason to believe any threat to school safety exists related to today's incident. Our School Resource Officers will be on our school campuses tomorrow as usual.

Importantly, I would like to thank the students who brought this matter to the attention of WHS administration. Students are a critical part in our efforts to keep our schools secure.

I thank you for your understanding in this matter,

Tony Gasper, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools