

HOME OF THE WILDCATS

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Dear Wayland Middle School School Families:

I am writing to provide you with an update to our Middle School investigations. We look forward to welcoming back students to the building tomorrow Monday, December 6, 2021, as planned.

Investigations for both alleged threats are nearing closure. There is no evidence of a safety concern at this time. Investigations have been conducted in collaboration with Middle School Administration, District Security Officer Mr. Miller, and The Wayland City Police Department.

Teachers will be reaffirming school safety with students tomorrow morning at school. They will be reminding students that our school buildings have safety features to help keep them safe such as secure entries, guest sign-in/out, video cameras, a District Safety Officer, and positive relationships with all of our local police departments. Additionally, our school staff have been trained on ways to keep kids safe in school.

Teachers will be reminding students that when they see and/or hear something that is suspicious, they need to report it to an adult and that all reports are investigated. They will also be reminding students of the many ways to report suspicious activities, such as: to an adult in the building, an office sign-up on the Middle School webpage, using the tip line in-school app, and/or reporting to OK2SAY).

If you think your child would benefit from having a more in depth conversation or debriefing session, please have them sign up to see our School Counselor or one of our School Social Workers. Personnel will be available to support students. Thank you for your transition to remote learning on Friday. It was a precautionary measure to work through the investigation. Again, we look forward to welcoming students back to school. Together, we will support your student(s) and be available to answer questions or address concerns they may have. We continue to mourn for the lives impacted at Oxford High School. As Wayland UNION, we will stand together and support each other through these difficult times.

In partnership for our students

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