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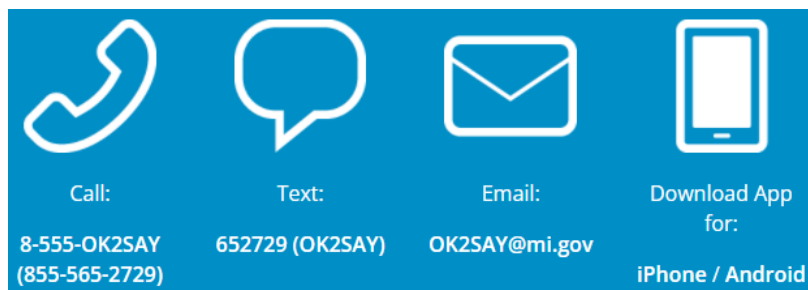
Buchanan Community Schools, along with neighboring districts, have become aware of an organized effort to use social media to generate threats to schools across the nation on December 17, 2021. These threats include calling in bomb threats, making school shooting threats, among other threats. All of these threats warrant our concern.

We take any and all threats to our students, staff, and buildings seriously!! We work closely with local, county, and state law enforcement agencies and have robust partnerships with them to assure our schools continue to be safe. Prevention and early intervention are the keys to stopping threats.

But, we cannot do this alone! Please take time to speak to your children about the proper and improper use of social media. Please let them know about the consequences of engaging in behavior that threatens students, staff, and our schools. These threats are NOT a joke and are not taken lightly by any of us charged with keeping our schools safe and operating. Students face serious consequences for making threats to schools, even so-called "fake threats". These consequences include suspension or expulsion from school and possible legal action for making ANY threat to which schools and law enforcement must respond.

If you hear or become aware of a possible threat - no matter how benign you think it is - please call 911 and alert authorities, call us at the school, call or text the Herd Hotline at 269-409-1153 or use the OK2SAY tipline (information is below).

We want to thank our local police for their partnership and support. We also want to thank you, our school community, for doing your part to keep our schools safe. We appreciate your support.



Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson  
Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools