

## Superintendent of Schools

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Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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Dear Buck Families,

This morning we were informed of a threat made through a social media post. The post targeted the high school and then was revised to target a specific student. Law enforcement was contacted, and their actions included conducting interviews and searching the student's home who issued the threat. The school administration has moved forward with the appropriate actions, including contacting the parties involved, removing the student from the environment while the investigation is active, and following the student code of conduct and the Board of Education policies.

Anyone who makes a threat against one of our schools, our students, or staff has an extremely high possibility of being expelled from Buchanan Community Schools and will forfeit the right to attend. If a student should desire to continue their schooling in our district, it will likely be through the Buchanan Virtual Academy. Moreover, the expelled student would not be allowed on district grounds or be able to participate in any Buchanan Community Schools extra-curricular activities, such as attending athletic games, proms, clubs, etc. Their lives will change drastically, and our schools will remain the safe places they are today.

On top of an expulsion hearing, please be reminded that the Berrien County Sheriff issued a warning notice to anyone who makes a school threat. All threats will be taken seriously, will be investigated, and will be forwarded to the County Prosecutor's office.

School safety remains our number one priority. The district will continue to work with law enforcement officials to ensure that all Buchanan Community Schools' students attend classes while in a safe learning environment. You may report incidents of threats to the Herd Hotline (269-409-1153) or by using the confidential reporting tool OK2Say.

If you have any additional questions, please contact me at 269-695-8401.



Sincerely,

Patricia Robinson Superintendent