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Dear Buchanan Families and Community Members,

We want to share some important information regarding a situation that occurred earlier this week. An anonymous email was sent to City Hall, referencing a vague concern that someone *might* have a weapon at high school graduation. The message contained no specific threats or details.

Our law enforcement team immediately launched an investigation and conducted an IP trace. Through that investigation, it was determined that the email originated from outside the state of Michigan and is consistent with a "swatting" incident — a false report made with the intent of creating unnecessary panic and prompting a law enforcement response.

While we do **not** believe this to be a credible threat, we are taking every precaution to ensure a safe and secure high school graduation ceremony for our students, staff, and families.

Here is what you can expect at high school graduation:

- There will be an **increased police presence** on site to help provide a visible layer of safety and support.
- Officers will be strategically stationed throughout the venue and the surrounding area.
- As always, if anyone **sees or hears something concerning**, they should immediately **call 911**, alert a nearby **officer**, or use **OK2SAY** (<https://ok2say.state.mi.us/>) to report confidential tips.

We are proud of our graduating students and look forward to celebrating this milestone together as a community. Thank you for your continued partnership in keeping our schools and events safe.

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

Patricia L. Robinson
Superintendent

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Harvey J. Burnett".

Harvey Burnett
Buchanan City Chief of Police