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October 7, 2022

Dear Parents, Students, and Community Members,

I am very sorry to have to inform you that due to a number of credible safety threats, and after consulting with law enforcement, we are making the difficult decision to play tonight's football game without any spectators, including students. We are making this decision out of an abundance of caution for the safety of everyone.

Tonight's game will be played with only the players, coaches, administrators, game workers, and a security presence in attendance. It is so unfortunate that we cannot play a football game of great rivalry and tradition without jeopardizing the safety of innocent people. District administrators from both school districts have been in communication with each other and feel this is the most prudent decision.

The entire Coatesville Campus will be shut down for tonight's game. Those who have purchased tickets for tonight's game will be refunded. Our athletic department will be sending out a communication on the process for receiving refunds.

The game will still be livestreamed on "Coatesville Athletic" on YouTube.

We will be dismissing students from the intermediate and high schools at 12:00 p.m. in order to prepare the campus for tonight's game. All after school activities are cancelled. All Homecoming activities associated with the game for tonight have been canceled, however, the homecoming activities scheduled for Saturday are still currently scheduled to run as planned. The Coatesville Area Senior High School Principal will send out a separate message in regard to all homecoming activities scheduled for Saturday.

I am very disappointed to have to make this decision. Again, after meeting with law enforcement, we simply cannot ensure adequate safety based on these threats. We are pleading with parents to please monitor your children's social media accounts and speak with them about the serious nature of making threats. Any students found to be responsible for threats will be disciplined in accordance with our policies. We take these matters very seriously.

Sincerely,

Richard F. Dunlap, Jr., Ed. D.  
Interim Superintendent  
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