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Dear CASH and CAIHS Parents and Staff,

The Coatesville Area School District is extremely dismayed by the continuation of threats of violence on our high school campus. We are working diligently and with urgency to put an end to these threats.

We met this morning with Chester County District Attorney Deb Ryan, Chester County Emergency Management Services, the Pennsylvania Attorney General, the Director of the Safe2Say tip line, a representative from the FBI, Caln Police Chief Joe Elias, and our own Coatesville School District Chief of Police. Each of these agencies is employing additional resources and is collaborating on a joint effort to put an end to false tips and threats.

We have elevated this situation well beyond our school district, and we are grateful for the support and collaboration of these agencies.

Chester County District Attorney Deb Ryan has asked that we share this message with our parents:

“We are committed to ensuring the safety of everyone in the district and take that responsibility extremely seriously. We are working with local, state, and federal authorities to put an end to these false reports and will prosecute, to the fullest extent of the law, anyone who engages in this unlawful behavior. These disruptions and attempts at causing fear will not be tolerated.”

We are in agreement that we simply cannot take a chance with the lives of our staff and students, and must act cautiously as we work with law enforcement authorities to evaluate each tip and threat.

As a District we are also increasing the urgency to ensure that each CAIHS and CASH student has a Chromebook so that we can quickly move to virtual instruction. While this is not ideal, it can help us to keep our students learning during this troubling time of disruption. We encountered a shortage of Chromebooks this summer when a number of them were broken and/or unaccounted for when they were collected at the end of the 2021-22 school year. We've been working to correct that.

We'll continue to communicate with you about this issue.

Sincerely,

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