



Recent tragic events nationwide have understandably increased anxiety and concern regarding safety at school. We would like our families to know that our schools are working diligently hand-in-hand with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to create the safest schools possible.

Lancaster School District takes all threats, whether verbal or on social media, very seriously and works closely with the Lancaster Sheriff's Station to ensure a thorough investigation is conducted for everyone's safety.

It is crucial that schools and families work together to keep our children safe. Please help us by doing the following:

- ◆ Please keep your contact information current in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency. You may do this by logging into your PowerSchool account or by stopping by the front office of your school.
- ◆ Ensure that your student knows and understands the severity of making a false threat. It is difficult to tell if a comment is a joke until a thorough investigation is completed. There could be criminal, civil, financial and administrative consequences at both the school level and the Sheriff's department level.
- ◆ Stay connected and monitor your student's social media activities.
- ◆ Please ensure that if you own a firearm, keep it locked in an approved storage component or locker: This is the law!
- ◆ Reach out to teachers, staff, counselors, principals, deputies or other trained professionals if you see behavior indicative of self-harm or harm to others.
- ◆ If you see or hear something, SAY SOMETHING! Our schools' and community's safety is everyone's responsibility. By working, talking and listening together – especially with our students – we will continue to keep our school communities safe.

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