



HOLLY W. SAYRE
Superintendent of Schools

September 12, 2024

Dear Charger Families,

I'm writing this evening to make you aware of an incident that occurred at the school district today. It was brought to the attention of the high school administration, there may be possible threats against the school originating from various social media accounts. Acting on the information we received from our students, an immediate investigation was jointly started by the Carbondale Police Department, High School and District Administration. Out of an abundance of caution, the high school was placed in a lockdown. Students and faculty were instructed to stay in their secured areas while numerous authorities conducted a preliminary investigation. The results of the preliminary investigation turned up no evidence of students being at risk. However, information of this nature is taken very seriously and further investigation was conducted, and is ongoing, to ensure the information is not credible. As a result of this abundance of caution, Carbondale Area School District is working with multiple levels of authorities to complete a full, thorough, and comprehensive investigation. In order to provide time for this investigation to be completed, and all facts known, the Carbondale Area School District will be closed on Friday, September 13, 2024.

Any time there is a health or safety issue on campus, we want you to have the facts directly from us. Student safety is our number one priority. Your children are our top priority here at Carbondale Area School District and we work diligently to keep them safe and create a positive learning environment on campus. Maintaining open lines of communication between home and school is critical in order for us to earn the trust of our families and build strong relationships with the people we serve.

We're proud of those individuals who did the right thing by alerting adults to the situation. We work hard to build trusting relationships with all of our students, and this is an example of the strength of those relationships.

We kindly ask that you continue to partner with us in creating a safe environment for all students by reinforcing with your children that threats against our schools will not be tolerated and those behind them will be held fully accountable.

As always, we sincerely appreciate your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Holly W. Sayre".

Holly W. Sayre
Superintendent of Schools
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