



**HOLLY W. SAYRE**  
Superintendent of Schools

September 16, 2024

Dear Charger Families,

In an effort to remain as transparent as possible, we felt it necessary to inform you of an incident that was brought to our attention this morning. Several students reported to us that a verbal threat was made against the school over the weekend. School Administration immediately investigated and notified the Carbondale Police Department. The police informed us that the suspect is in custody.

Emergency response plans and procedures are in place and appropriate actions have been taken. At no point today was there any immediate danger to a student or staff member. The procedures we have in place allowed us to handle this situation with little disruption to students in the building, most of whom were unaware that a threat had ever been made. We make every effort to provide children in our care with a safe and caring environment.

We are proud of those individuals who did the right thing by alerting adults to the situation. We work hard to build trusting relationships with all our students, and this is another 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 school will not be tolerated and those behind them will be held fully accountable.

As always, we appreciate your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely,

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

Holly W. Sayre  
Superintendent of Schools  
Carbondale Area School District