

**COUNTY OF SUFFOLK
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POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Over the past few years education and law enforcement officials have seen a significant increase in the number of reported school threats. Many of these reports turn out to be the result of pranks and disruptive behavior. However, until the source and nature of such reports can be determined, these incidents are given high priority. Each initial response and follow up investigation requires a significant investment in terms of resources for both the educational institution and law enforcement, to say nothing of the disruption to school operations.

The purpose of letter is to remind students, parents, and the community at large of the gravity of this situation. Statements or remarks that appear to be threatening to a school, students, or staff members will be handled in the same manner that comments about bombs and explosions are dealt with at our airports. In other words with ZERO TOLERANCE. The fact that the threat was made as some sort of prank or joke will not protect the responsible individual(s).

Statements made aloud, in written material, in graffiti, posted on any kind of social media platform, or transmitted electronically over the phone/fax/email/etc. about firearms, shootings, explosives, bombs, or any other threat will result in a swift and comprehensive investigation. When appropriate, the individuals responsible for these threats will be arrested and prosecuted in criminal court. Don't joke around with your future.

Sincerely,
Robert C. Brown
Chief of Patrol



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