

October 23, 2023 Correspondence to LLSD School Community

All school buildings will remain closed through this evening. School will resume on a regular schedule tomorrow, October 24, 2023, DAY 3 of the cycle.

We recognize that the last several weeks have been challenging for all stakeholders of our school community. We are grateful for your support during this difficult time. We understand the anxiety and frustration caused by altered schedules and evacuations.

Embedded in our District Mission Statement, the safety of your children and our staff and administration is our top priority. We have had numerous meetings with local and federal law enforcement agencies evaluating and assessing each threat as they have been received.

Law enforcement personnel are working tirelessly on all threats received. Protocols are in place to evaluate each threat, and then make a decision regarding the school district's response. Each threat may not be imminent, therefore not requiring an evacuation of staff and students.

We recognize the need to preserve the academic calendar and learning experience throughout this disruptive environment. We also believe these threats may continue. Each threat will be evaluated by school administration and law enforcement to determine if the threat is imminent. If the threat is not considered imminent, we will remain open. Be assured that we always have the safety of our students, staff and administration at the forefront of our decision making process. We will be transparent with information that is able to be shared concerning the nature of the threat. Please understand at times, we have limited information from law enforcement due to an investigation being ongoing.

We acknowledge the impact these types of events can have on our children and parents, our school staff administration, and all stakeholders of this community. There are resources available for those who may be struggling with fear and anxiety caused by these threats. Please reach out to your building principal or school counselor if you are in need.

As a parent, if you believe it is in the best interest of your child to dismiss him/her from school, please follow the protocol for school dismissals. Once again, we thank you for your cooperation. Below you will find a list of questions and answers received from parents over the course of the last few days.

Q & A

1. How have the threats been received?

The first two emails were sent to a Lake-Lehman school email. The other two were sent to Dallas and we were named in the threat.

Will the district provide a virtual platform as an academic option?

Not at this time.

Why was parent pick up so congested at the JSHS?

Student reunification with parents was delayed due to the high number of students being dismissed to parents. We strongly encourage students to ride home on the bus during an evacuation in lieu of parent pick up.

Who is investigating the threats?

Local and federal law enforcement agencies are investigating the threats and have made progress in the last few days.

Has it been determined if/when these days will need to be made up?

Not at this time.

Is cyber school an option?

Yes, Lake-Lehman offers a K-12 cyber program. The elementary school cyber program is contracted through Edmentum. The JSHS program is taught by Lake-Lehman Staff.

Sharing/Communicating Information

We have been advised by law enforcement to ask community members that if they become aware of a threat, please forward to authorities only. The school district must comply with the directive of law enforcement with respect to information shared with the community due to the ongoing investigation. Specific questions from parents/stakeholders must be directed to law enforcement agencies.