This is a message for students and parents of the Mount Carmel Area School District.

This is a follow up from the message earlier this morning.

- Our district received a call from our local police department at 7:10am about a snap chat post regarding a “school shooting.” One of our students received the message and alerted local police. The message did not say “Mount Carmel” in any way.

- With limited time to investigate and with limited information – our district decided to cancel school out of an abundance of caution until the matter could be investigated.

- With the information we now have at this point, and after speaking with local police and other local school districts, the student that allegedly sent the social media post, **does not attend our school district and this post had nothing to do with Mount Carmel Area.** But again we didn't have this full amount of information when we decided to cancel school.

Regardless, school is still canceled today. We will return to regular in person instruction tomorrow.

This again is a reminder to students and parents. Just like you would not get on an airplane and scream “hijack” or walk into a movie theater and scream “fire” students and parents must realize you do not get on the internet or social media and say “school shooting” or threaten harm on schools. **Our district will always push to the fullest extent of the law** that students are prosecuted for any such action. We constantly remind students about this as well and are again asking parents/guardians for their help as well.

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