September 25, 2025

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

In the middle of the night our local police department was alerted to a Social Media Snapchat that showed a weapon and a message about “shooting up a school tomorrow.” The Tik Tok message was intercepted by the FBI and the Snapchat technology department.

An IP address was ran from the social media account that sent the message and the FBI was able to trace back the IP address to a juvenile that lives within our school district boundary but attends an outside district cyber school. *Again, this juvenile does not attend Mount Carmel Area School District in person.*

The local police were at the juvenile's house this morning and met with parents, and charges are pending. The juvenile’s claim was “he was only joking around.” Our district will fully support charges against this individual.

Even though there was no specific threat to Mount Carmel Area School District, some of our students may have received this message via their social media - and obviously became alarmed.

As always, school safety of students and staff is our top priority. Please speak to your child about the importance of not making threats both in school and on social media. Please check your child's social media accounts often. Any threat will be handled swiftly by our Administration and School Resource Officer. Just like you don't get on an airplane and yell “bomb” or enter a movie theatre and yell “fire” students can't make threats to our school or to any staff member or student. “Joking around” will never be tolerated as a student excuse.

As always, students will enter our buildings through our metal detection system and we will have our School Resource Officers and Administrators present at entry.