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Dear Huron Families,

This afternoon, a note was found in the girls' bathroom at Miller Elementary School. The note was written by an elementary student, containing a rhyme that could be considered threatening due to the language used. Although this note may have been considered a "prank," the response was taken very seriously.

The note prompted staff to initiate threat assessment protocols and to go into a precautionary lockdown while police investigated the situation. After an analysis of the note's contents, it was determined that there was no threat to student or staff safety. The school and police are continuing to investigate the incident.

Following this situation, I had a discussion with the Huron Township Police Chief, Everette Robbins, pertaining to the uptick in reported incidents that we have experienced in the region and the state. We wanted to take a moment to remind you that we take each of these cases seriously and use every resource possible to fully investigate their validity. Our goal is to ensure safety, and in doing so, we must make every effort to stay vigilant and not assume that all potential threats are just a common prank. However, with those investigations comes significant impacts to students, parents, teachers, and law enforcement officers. In addition, lock-down procedures can be a frightening experience for many of our young students.

Due to the significant community impact that these incidents are having, we are asking for parents and educators to help us in communicating to our students the severe impact of these "pranks" can have on students, parents, and staff. Please talk to your son or daughter, stressing the importance and potential impact that their language can have on the school community, whether that is in the form of a verbal statement, note, graffiti, or social media post. Please take time to reinforce that jokes about threats and/or threatening language of any kind in a school setting is not funny and will be taken seriously by school officials and law enforcement.

We have wonderful families in Huron, with great kids. If we all work together, we can help keep our kids safe. I appreciate your support in this area.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donovan Rowe".

Donovan Rowe
Superintendent, Huron School District