



# Ellensburg School District #401

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Dear staff, parents and community members,

We have received several inquiries related to an alleged threat made at MMS earlier this week. The health and safety of our staff and students is always a priority, and Ellensburg School District has many safety protocols in place. These protocols were instantly activated, and this risk was addressed. Thank you to Ellensburg Police Department for their presence at Morgan Middle School on Friday to help students feel safe. The facts of this situation were:

- At 8:15 pm on Wednesday evening, a report came in through the STOPit! application that there had been a note discovered stating there would be a school shooting at MMS on Friday, 10.8.21. MMS administrators followed up immediately upon receiving this report. The Ellensburg Police Department was notified and a plan was set in motion to investigate and put necessary safety measures in place.
- Early Thursday morning, the threat was further investigated and found to not be credible.
- Due to continued rumors and concerns posted on STOPit! Thursday night, MMS staff and EPD followed up on these concerns late into the evening on Thursday.
- A Blackboard message was sent to MMS parents and guardians Thursday evening related to the findings by EPD that there was no credible information related to any threat that was found.

We appreciate the continued use of STOPit! for any safety concerns that may happen throughout the year, and we will continue to make safety a priority in the Ellensburg School District.

Sincerely,

Jinger Haberer, Superintendent