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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, school administration was made aware of a threat against the school on social media. The threat was immediately turned over to the Utica Police Department. After an investigation, the Utica Police Department deemed the threat not to be credible, and found that it did not originate in the Utica area. The posted threat which was circulating on social media, originated in Gainesville Florida and has been circulating across the country.

Although deemed not credible, the school district takes any such threat seriously and implemented several proactive measures to enhance safety at the school. These measures include the addition of security personnel, including 4 uniformed Utica Police Officers. Police presence has also been increased at dismissal. These measures, along with others, will continue to remain in place until further notice.

I want to reassure all of our parents that Thomas R. Proctor High School is a safe place where the number one goal is to provide a high quality education in a safe and secure environment.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "J. Gifford".

Joshua Gifford
Principal