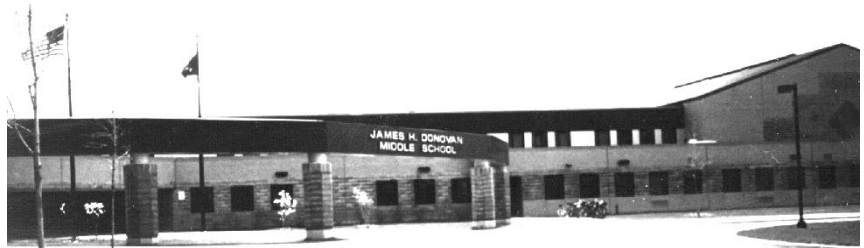


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To: DMS Families and Staff
From: Ann Marie Palladino
Date: September 14, 2022
Re: Additional Security

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, additional security and the Utica Police Department were dispatched to Donovan Middle School in response to an additional threat against the school which was sent to a staff member via email.

This threat was also investigated by the Utica Police Department and deemed to not be credible. In response, and out of an abundance of caution, safeguards have been taken by the Utica Police Department and our security department, including the deployment of additional security personnel and police officers from the Utica Police Department both inside and outside of the building.

As I wrote yesterday, the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff very seriously is our top priority. All staff, students and visitors are required to enter the building through a single point of entry and to pass through a Concealed Weapons Detection System. This morning, students, faculty and staff arrived and entered the building without incident and the school continues to operate as normal.