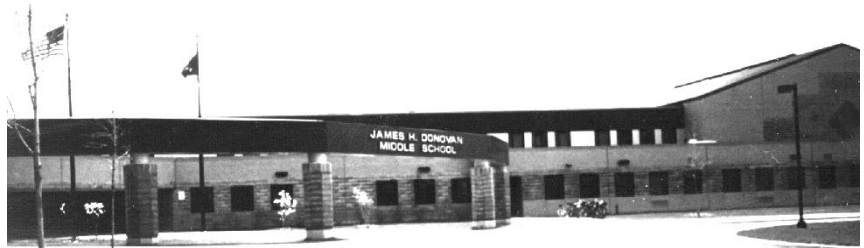


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To: DMS Families and Staff

From: Ann Marie Palladino

Date: September 16, 2022

Re: Additional Security

On Friday, September 16, 2022, additional security and the Utica Police Department were dispatched to Donovan Middle School for morning arrival due to a threat against the school which was sent via a tip hotline.

The threat was investigated by the Utica Police Department and deemed to not be credible. Although the threat was deemed to not be credible at this time, the school district deployed additional security and police officers from the Utica Police Department both inside and outside of the building.

I want to reassure our parents that we take the safety and well-being of our students, teachers, and staff very seriously. As a reminder, 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. All students, faculty and staff arrived and entered the building without incident and the school is operating as normal.