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Good afternoon Mason Consolidated Schools Families,

Welcome back to school! We are excited to welcome our students and families back to Mason Consolidated Schools on Tuesday, September 8. We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and that our students are ready for another great school year. We are looking forward to a year filled with learning, growth, and opportunities for our students.

As we begin the school year, I also want to make you aware of a concerning social media trend that has recently begun impacting schools in Michigan and across the nation.

The “Cat in the Hat” social media trend uses manipulated, staged, and often AI-generated images and videos to create frightening or threatening content. While much of the content is fictional, some accounts have begun naming individual schools, communities, or students. When that happens, what may have started as an internet trend becomes something schools and law enforcement must take seriously.

We are sharing this information not to create alarm, but because awareness and responsible reporting help keep our school community safe.

Mason Consolidated Schools takes all potential threats seriously. When we receive concerning information, we investigate, work with law enforcement as appropriate, assess its credibility, and respond accordingly. Students who create or share threatening content may face significant school consequences, including expulsion, as well as potential criminal charges.

For additional information regarding threats in schools, please review the joint letter from the Monroe County Sheriff’s Office and Prosecutor’s Office found below.

This trend is also another reminder of why students need to learn how to navigate AI and other digital tools responsibly. Images, videos, and other content can now be created or altered in ways that make it increasingly difficult to immediately

determine what is real. Learning to pause, question, and verify what we see online is becoming increasingly important.

Please reinforce these three reminders with your student:

- **Report it; do not repost it.**

If something appears threatening or concerning, tell a staff member or trusted adult immediately. Outside of school hours, contact local law enforcement or report it through **OK2SAY**, Michigan's confidential student safety reporting system.

OK2SAY is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week:

- **Call:** 8-555-OK2SAY (855-565-2729)
- **Text:** 652729 — enter **OK2SAY**
- **Email:** OK2SAY@mi.gov
- **Online:** [OK2SAY](#)
- **Mobile App:** Available for Apple and Android devices

Anyone, including students, parents, school personnel, and community members, can submit a confidential tip regarding potential harm or criminal activity directed at students, school employees, or schools.

If this is an emergency or there is an immediate threat, call 911.

- **A joke, meme, trend, or AI-generated post can still cause real harm.**

Never create or share threatening content involving a student, staff member, school, or community.

- **Pause before sharing.**

Not everything online is authentic, and spreading unverified information can quickly create unnecessary fear.

We will continue to monitor this and other emerging trends and will communicate with families when information directly affects any of our schools.



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Thank you for partnering with us to help keep our students, staff, and school community safe. As we begin this new school year, please help us reinforce one simple message with our students: When something concerns you, report it rather than repost it.

Thank you, and welcome back to another great year at Mason Consolidated Schools!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelli A. Tuller". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelli Tuller
Superintendent
Mason Consolidated Schools



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Dear Parents,

As many of you are aware, school shootings in the recent past resulted in a number of deaths and spawned a rash of school threats across the country. Unfortunately, Monroe County has not been spared from such threats. As a result, several students from the area face serious charges.

You and your child face severe consequences if they engage in the aforementioned behavior. Students face criminal charges and/or incarceration up until his/her 19th birthday, if convicted. In more serious cases, your child could be tried as an adult and even face prison time. Parents will be prosecuted under new laws which require that parents lock up firearms if they have children in the home. Failure to do so will result in charges against a parent. If someone dies as a result of a firearm that should have been locked up, the parent faces a felony which carries up to 15 years in prison. As we saw in Oxford and even in the case in Georgia, a parent could also be charged with murder if their child kills someone in a school shooting.

Most of the school threats that we see originate on social media. We implore you to monitor your child's phones, computers and other social media sources. Educate your child as to the consequences of their behavior and reiterate the importance of telling an adult when they see something of this nature or hear about it, whether at home or at school. Report school threats to 9-1-1, Central Dispatch, a teacher, a principal or report it by text or online tip to the OK2SAY website or call OK2SAY at 855-565-2729. **DO NOT RE-POST THE THREAT ON SOCIAL MEDIA.**

None of us want to face the tragedies we have seen around the country over the past few years. Educating our children and nourishing their mental health starts at home. We all have a role and it's important that we work together to ensure the safety of our schools and our children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Jeffery A. Yorkey'.

Jeffery A. Yorkey
Prosecuting Attorney

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Troy Goodnough'.

Troy Goodnough
Monroe County Sheriff