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Byron Area Schools

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Dear Byron Area Schools Families,

The Byron Administrative team would like to thank the community, staff, and students for their continued diligence with regards to school safety. Today is a prime example of a team of individuals paying attention, reporting, and acting upon perceived safety concerns. After a reported questionable online post, our Administration worked with the Durand Police Department to identify the source and verify Byron Area Schools is safe from harm.

This is an excellent time to remind our district of safety protocols as our entire county works to keep our buildings secure. Please make sure your child knows they must tell a trusted adult immediately if they feel their school is threatened in any way. This includes sharing information about weapons or threatening acts of violence in person or online. Students, families, or other individuals who have information about any potentially harmful event should immediately contact law enforcement and school officials directly. The state of Michigan has a confidential online tip system called OK2SAY (<https://ok2say.state.mi.us/>) which allows anyone to confidentially report tips on criminal activities or potential harm directed at Michigan students, school employees, or schools. You can call 911, or confidentially contact OK2SAY via phone: 855-565-2729, text 652729, or email at OK2SAY@mi.gov.

We are stronger and safer when we work together as students, parents, staff, and community members.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jan Amsterburg
Interim Superintendent