



## Pearl River School District

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**Marco F. Pochintesta**  
Superintendent of Schools

October 18, 2018

Dear Parents,

You are receiving this communication as a follow-up to my email regarding a situation that was brought to light on Tuesday. As stated in the letter, it was reported to the HS administration that a student was overheard making a general threat of violence towards the school. Since that time, there have been a number of rumors and speculation circulating regarding the details of the situation. Understandably, this has raised the level of concern for both students and parents.

I want to reassure you that we as a District are continuing to carefully work through this issue. We are carefully reviewing and responding to all information that is shared with us by students, parents and others. Be assured that in this instance, and at all times, our lines of communication are open.

In addressing these school safety issues, the administration is working closely with the police. Communication and cooperation between school and police are essential and we all work hard to maintain the best working relationship in this regard.

Threats of violence are taken very seriously. Immediate responsive action is taken in accordance with the District's Code of Conduct that includes disciplinary proceedings and sanctions when appropriate. Such action has already been commenced to assure that the school environment is safe for students and staff.

Please trust that we will continue to do everything necessary to protect the safety of our school community. I hope that this message delivers some measure of reassurance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marco F. Pochintesta".