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**James J. Montesano, Ed.D.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We were advised late this afternoon by the Clarkstown Police Department of a threat posted on social media involving 'clowns' and a separate posting that listed Nyack High School along with several other Rockland County high schools.

The first posting was titled, "Clown Threat Targets Schools" and stating that "we will be at the high schools this Friday to either kidnap students or kill teachers going to their cars". A subsequent posting named Spring Valley High School, Ramapo High School, North Rockland High School, Nyack High School and Nanuet High School. Although Clarkstown PD believe this threat to be non-credible and possibly linked to the national 'craze' surrounding clown sightings, they will be adding additional patrols around our schools tomorrow.

The Clarkstown Police Department is investigating this threat and has notified other law enforcement agencies in Rockland County. Clarkstown Police reminds residents of the recent national craze of reported clown sightings that have at times escalated from pranks to harassment, but there has been no reported violence in the region. However, they ask all residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious persons or clown sightings to their local law enforcement agencies.

Recognizing the importance of communicating with you in matters concerning student safety, I wanted to provide you with this information. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James J. Montesano, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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