



December 20, 2024

HFA Families:

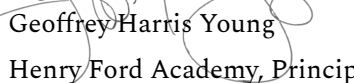
Late yesterday evening, HFA administrators were informed of a report made to the OK2SAY Student Safety Program that alleged a potential threat to HFA. HFA Administrators worked with Dearborn Police to determine the credibility of the threat and to evaluate what response would be most appropriate in keeping with HFA's priorities of student and staff safety. While it was determined that there was not enough evidence to indicate a credible threat, and that local police and THF/HFA staff would bolster security at the campus as a helpful precaution, HFA administrators also recognized the unique timing of the report of a threat. After the shooting in Madison, Wisconsin earlier this week, we are—once again—sadly in a time when school safety and school violence is on our minds and hearts. We want our students and families to have the greatest sense of security leading into our Winter Recess. For that reason and others, we determined the most prudent course of action is to **cancel school today, Friday, December 20, 2024**. School will reopen after Winter Recess on Monday, January 6, 2024.

We need to remind students that they have a role in protecting their school, and that we deeply appreciate when students bring concerning information to the attention of school officials and local authorities. If your child knows anything about this recent report, we encourage them to contact a school staff member they trust and share any information they have.

We also need to remind students that reporting false information regarding threats, or making threats of any kind against the school carries **significant** school and legal consequences. Please talk to your child about making wise decisions when it comes to the conversations they have or posts they make, so that they are not intentionally or inadvertently creating a situation that will have long-term implications for themselves and their family.

As we have said before, your children are the most important aspect of what makes Henry Ford Academy a special place. We will be vigilant in protecting them here and in promoting a learning environment that is comfortable and safe for them, always. We apologize for any inconvenience this sudden school closure may produce, but we are confident that our choice supports the safety and wellbeing we desire for all our HFA family.

Sincerely,


Geoffrey Harris Young
Henry Ford Academy, Principal