

OL Smith Middle School



September 12, 2023

Dear Smith Middle School families,

As part of our ongoing effort to keep an open line of communication with our families, we would like to take a moment to share information with you regarding an event that took place after school yesterday.

Yesterday, a student was making statements about bringing a weapon to school while talking to a peer on the bus ride home. Upstanders and their families brought this talk to administration. We acted swiftly, enlisting the involvement of district personnel and the Dearborn Police. Upon investigation we were able to identify the student making the statements. Though his threat was deemed to be not credible, appropriate disciplinary and legal action has been taken. At no time was there any danger to OL Smith staff and students. However, as the Wayne County Prosecutor has shared, this type of talk has no place in school. Every threatening statement, regardless of intention, will be taken seriously.

We are very grateful for our strong partnership with the Dearborn Police Department and our school resource officer program, as it assisted us in acting on this situation. As a reminder, any threat is considered very serious and will be treated as such. Please review the letters shared at the start of the year from the [Wayne County Prosecutor's Office linked.](#)

Our staff is always concerned for the safety and well being of our students, and we pride ourselves on creating a safe environment for your children when they are here at school. Such an environment is crucial to assure all can learn and grow.

Sincerely,

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