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School Threats
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With the start of the school year fast approaching, we need to renew our commitment to providing a safe and secure learning environment at CCTS. To that end, the CAMDEN COUNTY PROSECUTOR issuing an updated school threat memo of agreement with the SUPERINTENDENT. The school threat memo continues to be "zero tolerance" which means that we in law enforcement will not tolerate the disruption caused by these school threats. Under this school threat policy, all principals are required to and shall immediately report to local law enforcement all incidents of school threats. In addition, local law enforcement will then immediately report all incidents of school threats to the Juvenile Unit of the Camden County Prosecutor's Office. Furthermore, every allegation of a school threat will be investigated and, when appropriate, charges will be filed. The decision to charge is to be a joint decision between local law enforcement and the Camden County Prosecutor's Office at the conclusion of a full investigation.

For purposes of this memo a school threat is defined as, but is not limited to, any one of the following acts being committed on or off school property when the event has a direct impact on the safety and well-being of anyone in any school:

- 1) A bomb threat - a threat to deploy an explosive and/or incendiary device;
- 2) A hit list - a written or verbal pronouncement to do harm to one or more persons;
- 3) A direct threat - a threat to commit an act of violence against an individual or group;
- 4) An indirect threat - being in possession of a firearm or ammunition or any other dangerous weapon while on school property.

An example of a direct threat would be a student stating at any time at any place, "I am going to bring a gun to school." An example of an indirect threat would be a student being in possession of a firearm, ammunition or other dangerous weapon while on school property. School property includes, but is not limited to, all actual physical school buildings and surrounding grounds, all school buses and transportation vehicles, all school bus stops and all school sponsored events.

Thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation. Together, we can ensure that the children of Camden County are provided a safe and secure learning environment.

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