

September 11, 2023

Dear Parent/guardian,

Earlier today, we received information from a parent regarding a specific threat against a student in our building. This incident happened over the weekend via snapchat messenger. The Lewis County Sheriff's office immediately investigated the incident and has already filed charges on the individual involved. The parents of any student involved have been contacted by school personnel or the sheriff's office. At no point were any of our students or staff in danger today.

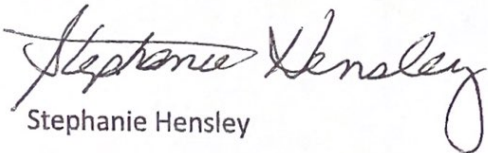
Over the past several years, we have made significant improvements to the security of our building. Even with these improvements, our best security features will always be our students, our parents, and our community. We ask you to speak with your children about the seriousness of making threats against individuals or our schools. School safety is no joking matter and the school district as well as our local law enforcement will take all threats seriously.

It is critically important that if you allow your children access to social media platforms such as TIKTOK, Instagram, X (formerly known as Twitter), snapchat, Facebook, etc. that you monitor their accounts closely and discuss with them the implications of the posts and messages they create or send. Over the last several years social media has become popular among students and young adults. It is extremely important for parents to remain vigilant and steadfast in the monitoring of their student's social media accounts. I, again, implore you to discuss these issues with your children often and monitor their activities/accounts regularly.

We must all work together to keep our students safe.

Please feel free to contact me at 606-796-6228 or email me at [Stephanie.hensley@lewis.kyschools.us](mailto:Stephanie.hensley@lewis.kyschools.us) if you have any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,



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