

## Dr. Lynn Glickman, Superintendent

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Dear CCSD 46 Community,

## Threat on TikTok

Nationwide, school districts are hearing about school-related threatening posts on the social media site TikTok. Specifically, we are hearing about threats about school shootings and bomb threats "for every school in the USA, even elementary," happening on Friday, Dec. 17. Please note that we have not heard of or seen any threats that are specific to CCSD 46. We are sharing this with all of you because we know our community would want this information, and we want to continue to create awareness about the dangers that are present on social media.

We are closely monitoring what we are hearing from other districts, and reviewing procedures in order to maintain a safe learning environment for our staff and students. We have also been in contact with the various police departments that serve our school district, and they are aware of the TikTok threat. Although this threat is not specific to CCSD 46, of course we know that we need to carefully monitor the safety of our schools.

This and other escalating TikTok trends come at a time when mental health and behavior concerns are on the rise. As a community, it is important that we come together and support our children, and make sure they feel comfortable coming to us with their concerns.These conversations are not easy, but please talk to your child regularly to learn more about what they see on social media, what they hear on the bus, and what worries or concerns they might have as they navigate this new era of the darker side of social media. Please remind your child again and again about your expectations for how they interact with others, whether in person or online. It is a good idea to make this a regular part of family life in your household so that you can work as a team to figure out social media together.

Again, we have not had a specific threat to any of our schools, but wanted you to be aware of this concern.

## **Equity Audit Community Focus Groups**

In last week's district wide communication, I shared information about our ongoing Equity Audit, and the Community Focus Groups that are planned for the month of January. If you are

interested in participating, please register <u>here</u>. There are six separate focus groups scheduled at various times of day and evening during the week of January 10th. Please note that the 7:00 p.m. focus group on January 10th will be conducted in Spanish. Space is limited, so you are encouraged to register right away. The registration form is set up to eliminate choices as slots are filled. If you have any questions, please contact me at <u>Glickman.Lynn@d46.org</u>.

## Winter Break is Coming!

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Winter Break! Our students and staff members and families have worked very hard this fall, and all deserve some time off to relax, have fun, and rejuvenate! As I reflect on 2021, I know that we have all learned so much together under very trying circumstances. I know that you join me in looking forward to 2022 with hope.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynn Glickman Superintendent CCSD 46