

As many of you are aware, Rivercrest High School investigated a safety situation earlier in the day. The source of the investigation stemmed from a general conversation about school shootings that was overheard by two other students. It is important to note that during the course of the conversation, a threat was not made toward Rivercrest. Students were simply talking about school shootings. However, the students who overheard the general conversation became anxious and called their parents.

At 9:31 A.M. I received a call from our School Resource Officer Captain Travis. Calls were coming into the school regarding a school shooting. Once again, there was never any threat about a school shooting at Rivercrest. However, during the course of the investigation outside doors were secured as a proactive measure. Students continued to change classes, and business went on as usual.

The Mississippi County Sheriff's office dispatched officers to assist school personnel with the investigation. All students involved in the conversation were met with, and the serious nature of the conversations was discussed. Any talk of school violence must be addressed in a proactive manner.

School safety is our number one priority. We want our students - and their parents - to feel safe and secure when they come to school. I appreciate the quick response of both our school security personnel and the Mississippi County Sheriff's office. Though a threat was not made, advanced safety measures were implemented. In order to help set any additional concerns aside, the Mississippi County Sheriff's office will have patrols on site for the remainder of the day.

Please be assured that we do our very best to provide a safe learning environment for all our students.

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