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We, with the involvement of our culturally rich community, will provide a creative, enriching and safe environment, which instills a desire to become a life-long learner and a responsible citizen.

December 20, 2012

Dear Parents,

A report of a threat at the secondary schools is being thoroughly investigated by the Gervais Police and school administrators. As a result of the threat, all principals met this morning with the Gervais Police to put together a plan to ensure our students and staff are safe in all schools. Please be assured all schools are taking extra precautions to ensure safety:

- All students, staff and visitors will enter each building through one designated door. These doors will be secured by staff. We are asking visitors to state their purpose and show ID before being allowed to enter.
- Our buildings will remain locked all day.
- Students have been reminded of what to do in case of a lockdown procedure.
- The Gervais Police and Marion County Sherriff will be working together to provide a presence at our schools.
- Students must arrive no earlier than 7:15 and no later than 7:50 AM since the schools will be locked and campuses will remain locked down for the remainder of the day.
- There will be no after school program or any extracurricular activities in any of our schools on Friday, December 21st.

Please do not call the schools unless you have urgent communication to take care of, as lines need to be available to conduct school business. Any updated information will be posted on the district website www.gervais.k12.or.us or call the District Office direct at 503-792-3801.

The administrative team feels that these measures that we are taking will contribute to a safe environment for our students. We also understand that parents should have the last word where their child's safety is concerned.

Should you decide to keep your student home on December 21st, please call the school Thursday evening, December 20th.

Thank you for your cooperation as we work through this situation. Additional information is also located on our district web-site.

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