

Gervais 6-12 School

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Mike Solem, Principal

December 20, 2012

Dear Parents;

Since our last correspondence, one additional verbal threat is going around amongst our students. Another threat is a direct threat of a shooting that will take place at our middle school and then the shooter will move to the high school. With this additional information, security in the district and all buildings has further been increased.

- All students and staff will enter each building through one designated door. These doors will be secured by staff and law enforcement. We will keep all buildings locked down all day. Students have been reminded of what to do in case of a lockdown procedure.
- The Gervais and Marion County Police Officers will be present on all campuses throughout the day. All trespassers will be cited.
- Students are discouraged of bringing any backpacks or bags to school. If they are brought to school they will be searched.
- Students must arrive no earlier than 7:15 and no later than 7:50 AM since the schools will be locked down and campuses will remain locked down for the remainder of the day. We will also be canceling all extra-curricular activities on Friday, December 21st.
- Students will only be out of class for emergency reasons only. If students need to be out of their classroom they will be walking with a buddy or escorted by staff.

Please do not call the schools, 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 are warranted and that they will be effective. 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 the 21st, please call the school's attendance line (503 792-3656) by Thursday night, December 20th.

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

Sincerely,
Mike Solem