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Subject: Important Update: Campus Security Measures

Ya'at'eeh Parents and Community Members,

The District has received information from community members on the continuing concerns regarding the social media posts that circulated yesterday. As you may be aware, there have been various messages related to school shootings that have been circulating online across different regions of the country over the past two weeks.

Our School Security team has been in communication with the local authorities, specifically the Navajo Nation Police Department (NNPD), who have confirmed that they are aware of these messages. It's important to note that the content of the email screenshots being shared appears to be identical to the information that NNPD has already received and investigated.

In light of these developments and as a precautionary measure, our campus will be implementing a "Lock-Out" for the remainder of the week. This decision has been made to ensure the safety and security of all students, staff, and faculty. During this time, we will be taking additional steps to monitor the situation closely and will be increasing our patrols around the campus.

A "Lock-Out" means that while the campus remains open with limited access to buildings and student-instruction will continue as normal, we will be taking extra precautions. Students will be required to remain in their classrooms during this time, and we ask that all staff members assist in ensuring that classroom doors are secured. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding as we prioritize the safety of our students and staff.

We encourage everyone to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or concerns directly to our Security Department. You can reach them at the following numbers: Campus 1: (928) 755-7666; Campus 2: (928) 349-0815.

Your proactive communication assists us to maintain a safe environment for everyone. We recognize that these measures may cause some disruptions, but we believe they are necessary to ensure the well-being of all individuals on campus.

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Respectfully,

Dr. Thomas, Superintendent



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(U) Nationwide Increase in School Threats

(U) Scope

(U) The Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC) provides this Situational Awareness Bulletin for public safety partners and school administrations regarding the recent noticeable rise in the circulating social media posts threatening varying types of violence against educational institutions nationwide.

(U) Summary

(U) Following the shooting at Apalachee High School in Winder, Georgia, earlier this month, law enforcement and the education community have seen a significant increase in threats to Arizona schools. The rise in school threats is common following incidents of this nature. Individuals may incite heightened fear and panic following an attack by creating hoax threats or spreading online social media posts nationwide. Viral social media threats posted online have gained nationwide traction, sharing similar characteristics such as non-specific language or the absence of school names. Many were edited to match schools within their community to leverage fear further.

(U) The ACTIC has received 177 school threats from January 1, 2024, to September 3, 2024. From September 4, 2024, to September 24, 2024, the ACTIC has received over 130 school threats. Of those reports, 88 have been shooting threats or weapons in school, 8 have been bomb threats, and 8 have been classified as general threats. The remaining threats have been identified as duplicates or generic threats unrelated to a specific Arizona school.

(U) Investigations have led to at least nine arrests in the last three weeks. Nine threats are currently under investigation, and 38 have been closed, deemed non-credible.

(U) Screenshots found on the following pages are recirculated threats received by the ACTIC during September. Many of the following images have also been identified as originating in other states. This is not an inexhaustive list, as there may be recirculated threats that have not been reported to the ACTIC. These posts are being shared amongst students and community members repeatedly, which leads to distortion and hinders law enforcement's ability to identify where the threat originates. *Please note, all screenshots below have been sanitized to remove user information for privacy purposes.*



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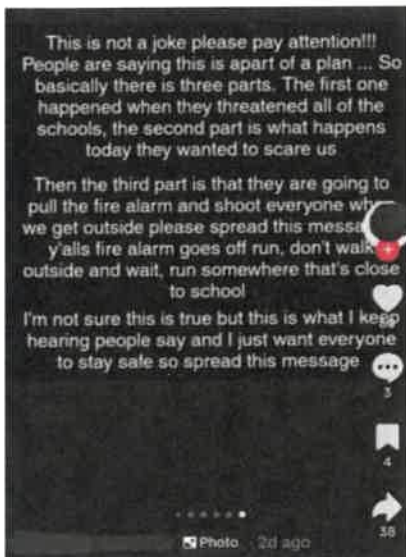


Figure 1: Original Threat from Out-of-State

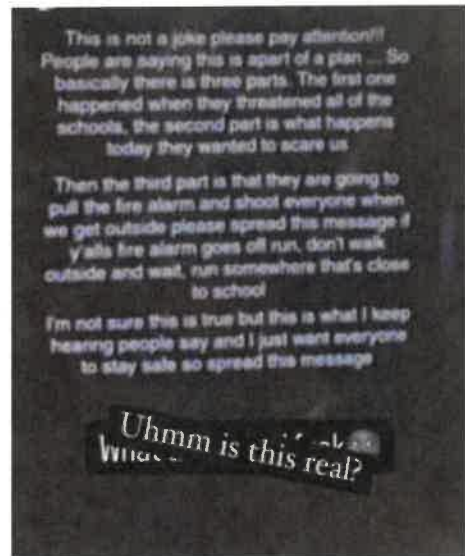
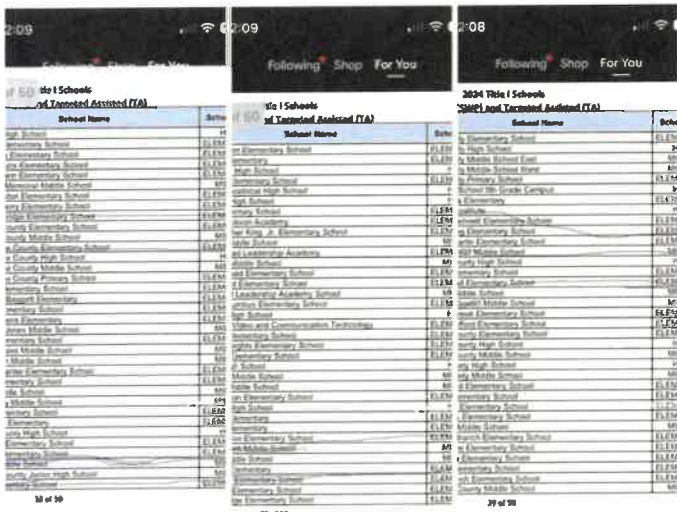


Figure 2: Submitted Tip to the ACTIC

(U) The screenshots below are examples of the nationwide identified trend of creating a “school hit list.” Individuals are utilizing legitimate published lists of schools found online to manipulate into their own version of a hit list.



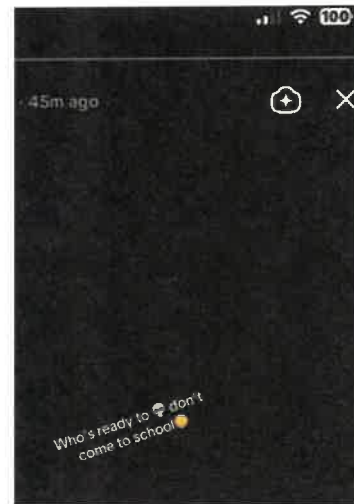
School Name	School Type
Georgetown Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Hannan Elementary	ELEMENTAR
Hardaway High School	HIGH
Johnson Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Jordan Vocational High School	HIGH
Kendrick High School	HIGH
Key Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Lennie Jackson Academy	ELEMENTAR
Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Mottland Middle School	MIDDLE
Reese Road Leadership Academy	ELEMENTAR
Richards Middle School	MIDDLE
Rigdon Road Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
River Road Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Rothschild Leadership Academy School	MIDDLE
South Columbus Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Spencer High School	HIGH
St. Marys Video and Communication Technology	ELEMENTAR
Walden Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Westley Heights Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Wynnton Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Alcovy High School	HIGH
Clements Middle School	MIDDLE
Clements Middle School	MIDDLE
Westcoast High School	ELEMENTAR
Fairview Elementary	ELEMENTAR
Flint Hill Elementary	ELEMENTAR
Heard-Mixon Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Indian Creek Middle School	MIDDLE
Liberty Middle School	MIDDLE
Live Oak Elementary	ELEMENTAR
Luxington Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Manassah Elementary School	ELEMENTAR
Middle Ridge Elementary School	ELEMENTAR



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(U) Images continued below:



(U) Law enforcement encourages individuals to report all threats of violence immediately as submitted tips are assigned and investigated accordingly. The ACTIC will continue to work with law enforcement partners nationwide to mitigate threats and to share information when available.

(U) To report suspicious activity or potential criminal activity, contact the ACTIC via: | Website - azactic.gov | Telephone - (602) 644-5805 |