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## **LPPD investigates threats against LPHS**

Since the Florida school shooting last week, school districts across the nation have been responding to an onslaught of threats involving their school campuses. Most of these threats consists of inappropriate, sometimes jesting, comments made by students, however, the police department and the school district must take each and every threat seriously and ensure that all are thoroughly investigated. This includes the La Porte Police Department (LPPD) and the La Porte Independent School District (LPISD). To this end, the LPPD has arrested three different students for unrelated and separate threats against LPISD campuses over the last week. Additional investigations are on-going and further arrests may be forthcoming.

To help with this problem, parents are being asked to sit-down and talk with their children relating to the importance of school safety and make sure that each student understands that threatening violence on campus is not a “joking” matter. The safety of our children and the security of our school campuses is absolutely our number one priority. All threats will be investigated and all those making a threat will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

Late last night LPPD started receiving calls from parents, who heard their children talking about a reported threat against the LPISD High School Campus. The vague threat was reportedly distributed via the social media site “Snap Chat.” While few specifics were available relating to a specific threat, the incident is being vigorously investigated by the police department and, working with the LPISD, our police department has taken affirmative measures to increase security on our school campuses until these threats subside.