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December 10, 2021

Dear Students, Staff, Parents, and Community Members:

This morning a high school student shared a social media post from Cortland, New York (**NOT COURTLAND, VA**) that included a threat. The Southampton Sheriff's Office collaborated with the authorities in that locality. The authorities in Cortland, New York found the source of the threat. The State Marshalls and State Police assisted with their investigation. It was deemed non-credible and unsubstantiated.

Since the threat was not made toward our schools, we will remain in school today. Nevertheless, we will also have increased police presence in our schools today for added safety and peace of mind.

As always, the safety of our students and community is paramount. We will remain vigilant in doing all within our power to keep students and staff out of harm's way. Our belief remains, "See Something, Say Something."

Thanks to the student who reported this post to the school administration.

Stay safe.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Shannon", written over a light blue horizontal line.

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