

Connect-Ed Message to ALL Families

Good evening parents and guardians.

This is [REDACTED], superintendent of Bertie County Schools.

In the wake of a recent student-made bomb threat in our school district, I want to take this opportunity to ask you to talk with your children about the serious nature of making such reports as well as the severity of consequences for your child in if he or she ever made such a report.

When a bomb threat is made, it creates an emergency. Action must be taken first to ensure the safety of our students and staff. This involves searching students' person and book bags, and sweeping the premises for any explosive devices, to name a few. In addition, an immediate investigation is launched that involves school authorities and both local and state investigative law enforcement agencies.

We want you to also share with your children that a bomb threat is not something that is to be taken lightly. And when the person who made the threat is identified, he or she is automatically charged with a felony. This follows a person's permanent record for life and can close many doors for your child. Appropriate disciplinary action is also taken at the school level.

Please take this opportunity to talk with your children about this issue. And together, we can ensure that our children receive the best quality of educational experience we can give them – all day, every day.

Thank you for your involvement in your child's education and for your partnership with Bertie County Schools. And thank you for listening.