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Good afternoon Shumate families,

We wanted to send this email in an effort to keep our Shumate families apprised of a situation that you may hear about from our students. This afternoon, Shumate administration was made aware of a non-credible threat to a specific student that made reference to a knife. The student that made the threat did not possess a weapon of any kind. There was no additional language or actions reported that would constitute a threat to our school. However, several students heard these words, and it is understandable that such language can cause anxiety among students and families. Out of an abundance of caution, we contacted the Gibraltar Police Department. As always, we will follow up with all those involved in the situation and address any violations of our Code of Conduct accordingly.

The final conclusion that we have for you is that our staff and students are all safe. The threat had no merit, and was an unfounded statement made by an upset child.

We're grateful for the continued support that we have in ensuring our students' school experience is one that is safe and conducive to high levels of learning. We are very proud of our students for reporting this to administration as soon as they heard of it. Reacting in the way that our young people did is how we will be able to continue to keep our community safe. Please continue to help us as we encourage our students to be mindful of their communication and actions in all settings. We're confident that as we continue to work together on this message, we can help all of our students make appropriate and responsible communication the norm.

Thank you,  
Eric Cassie & Dave Anderson  
Shumate Administration