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School Threat Update

Good morning Carlson and Shumate families,

This morning Carlson administration and the Gibraltar Police Department were made aware of a rumor that was circulating on Snapchat where someone posted a picture of a gun with threats of violence towards a CHS school. There was no additional language or actions reported that would constitute a threat to our school, however, it is understandable that when language is non-specific and without context, in light of the tragedy that hits so close to home in Oxford, students and families have a more heightened reaction to anything that remotely resembles a threat. This threat is circulating through many schools across the county and has been investigated by several police departments in the area. This photo that is circulating has been confirmed to be the same as one that was put out on April 9, 2018 in New Mexico. Out of an abundance of caution, we contacted our local police departments to provide a presence this morning in school and on our grounds. They also provided assurance that there is no threat to the school. As always, we will follow up with all those involved in any situation and address any violations of our Code of Conduct accordingly.

I realize that for so many families this morning, one day of school is nothing compared to the possibility of violence in school. As we move forward, we need to continue to work together to ensure that fear does not take our children's right to an education away. I'm grateful for the continued support and community effort that we have in ensuring our students' school experience is one that is safe and conducive to high levels of learning. Please continue to help us as we encourage our students to be mindful of their communication and actions in all settings. I'm 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,

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