



School Security Advisory

This is an advisory on false school security threats across the region.
All students and staff members in the Irvington UFSD are safe

March 30, 2023

Good morning community members,

As you may have heard through a variety of media outlets, there are numerous false reports of “shots fired” at schools across the state including districts in Westchester and Putnam counties. These are believed to be “swatting” incidents. Swatting is a criminal harassment tactic of deceiving an emergency service (via such means as hoaxing an emergency services dispatcher) into sending a police or emergency service response team to a particular address.

Since early this morning, the Irvington UFSD and the Irvington Police Department have been closely monitoring these incidents and remain in constant communication. Additionally, the school district’s security consultant, Altaris, is providing guidance.

There are no threats directed to the Irvington schools. In the event of a threat, we will shift into our emergency procedures immediately and communicate with the community accordingly. Any such external communication will come from my office.

Please be aware that all statements or any action that suggest a threat to the safety and security of our school community are taken seriously. Any such statement comes with significant consequences, even if they are made jokingly and/or are deemed as not credible.

We recognize the need to be transparent regarding incidents that may impact our school community. We will always act out of an abundance of caution to ensure all our students and staff are safe.

As always, we will advise the community of necessary developments.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Harrison'.

Dr. Kristopher Harrison
Superintendent of Schools

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Francis Pignatelli'.

Francis Pignatelli, Chief
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