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Threats of Violence Against Schools Are No Joke

With the tragic and unfortunate rise in school violence, so too rises the responsibility of Law Enforcement to investigate any and all threats directed at harming school faculty and students. The Kendall County Sheriff’s Office stands steadfast in our commitment to thoroughly and expeditiously investigate any and all threats made against the schools in our communities.

We urge parents to speak with their children, and let them know it’s not a joke.

When a person, regardless of age, makes a threat to harm students or faculty at a school, it may seem to some like a youthful prank, but to the Illinois Law Enforcement Community – State’s Attorney Eric Weis, Sheriff Dwight Baird, along with other Chiefs of Police – it is no laughing matter. Threatening violence at a school, personally or through social media, is a crime that is punishable by years in prison. The havoc and fear created when someone threatens a school community is real, no matter the intentions of the person who communicates that threat. All threats are taken seriously, and investigating them diverts precious resources. The Law Enforcement community stands united in making our schools safe. In Illinois that means that threats of violence are no joke and those that make them will be investigated and prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.