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Dear Families:

We first want to let you know that Morris Central School has your children's safety as our first priority. We recognize your concerns and want to let you know that we are addressing these concerns.

Yesterday, a student made some threatening statements to other students. This was brought to Mr. Sheldon's attention and was addressed. Today we continue to investigate and work with authorities to ensure the safety of our students, faculty, and staff members.

Last night an alert message was sent out in response to several phone calls, emails and Facebook posts that were circulating regarding the incident. We understand that to some the alert message helped to alleviate concerns and to others it heightened anxiety. We acknowledge that and apologize if the message caused more doubt about safety.

Again, our number one priority is the safety of the students and staff. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as we work through these issues.

Sincerely,

*Katharine Smith*

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