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Dear Boston Public Schools Families:

A nationwide social media trend has emerged in recent days in which messages of threatening acts involving clowns have targeted students at schools and colleges. We are writing to inform you that the Boston Public Schools Safety Office, the Boston School Police, and the Boston Police Department are closely monitoring this issue. At the present time, the Boston Police Department has not considered any messages pertaining to Boston Public Schools to be credible threats.

BPS advises parents to remind their children to not engage in any of these types of social media messages or text messages; and to not provide any personal information or information about their schools over social media. If your child notices or is subject to any threatening messages, please report this activity to the Boston Police Department and/or your child's school. Additionally, any student who is observed wearing or in possession of a clown or costume-type mask at school will have the item confiscated by school staff, as the masks are considered to be objects of no reasonable use during the school day; and could be interpreted as threatening or disruptive to school assembly, which are violations of the Code of Conduct. Parents or guardians will be contacted if their child is found in possession of a mask.

The safety and well being of our students and staff is our top priority. Please help us in assuring that all students and staff feel safe and supported in all of our schools.

Sincerely,



Superintendent Tommy Chang

