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 Unified School District

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Dear Elk Grove Unified Families and Staff,

This letter is to inform you that the District is aware of and has been monitoring the recent wave of social media posts warning that clowns would show up at schools threatening to do harm. The District's Safety and Security Division is aware of the posts and is actively working with law enforcement to investigate. Like other school districts who are in a similar situation, we are monitoring social media and will continue to advise law enforcement of these posts to ensure that they are included in the investigation.

Officials have confirmed that threats are being circulated on a wide basis. Yesterday evening, a post was issued on Instagram that targeted multiple secondary school sites in Elk Grove Unified and Natomas Unified. We have advised law enforcement about these posts. We do not take these threats lightly. These types of actions are disruptive to our school and community. Posting such threats toward a public school is a felony offense. We encourage you to speak with your students about the seriousness of behaviors such as this.

In response, out of an abundance of caution, Security Resource Officers will be actively patrolling all school sites. We also encourage parents and students, "If you see something or know something, say something." We also suggest that parents have a conversation with your student(s) to not talk to strangers and to encourage him/her to walk with a group of friends directly to and from school using the same path every day. If your child is approached by a stranger, advise him/her to not panic and to run directly to school or home and to report the incident to a trusted adult or school official.

In the event of any suspicious activity, in or around a school site, please contact the Elk Grove Unified School District Safety and Security Division at (916) 686-7786. The safety of our students and staff is a top priority at all of our schools. We are sharing this information with you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep you informed about incidents that affect our campuses. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call your school's principal.

Sincerely,

Christopher R. Hoffman
Superintendent