



# Richland School District

## Office of the Superintendent

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Good afternoon,

*This is Arnold Nadonley, Superintendent of the Richland School District, with an update to an incident that circulated on social media regarding a threat at Richland High School.*

*First and foremost, at no point was there any threat based on information brought forward from students and staff members who were interviewed by the administration and the School Resource Officer from the Richland Township Police Department. Again, not one person could provide any information as to causing harm to our students.*

*On Sunday evening, the district received its first call from the Pennsylvania Attorney General's office from the newly instituted Safe2Say statewide school safety hotline. As the evening turned into morning, we received additional calls from the Safe2Say hotline and once again involved the police to follow-up their investigation to ensure that any additional information was not missed. Again, all information came back as false and there was no threat.*

*The district could not release information or hinder an active police investigation until there was additional confirmation. Under state and federal law, student information or any identifiable information is not permitted.*

*Regardless of the situation, the district implemented additional security measures. These security measures are never released to the public so as not to tip off any possible actors.*

*The Richland School District appreciates the use of the Safe2Say hotline as it worked as it was intended. However, at no time were your children in any harm because there was no threat.*

*We thank you for entrusting your children with us more than words could possibly ever express and we remain vigilant every single day to ensure they have a safe and secure learning environment.*

Thank You,

Arnie Nadonley  
Superintendent of Schools