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To: All JISD Stakeholders  
From: Bill Avera, M.S., Chief of Police & Emergency Manager  
Subject: School Safety Message

The safety of our students and staff remains priority #1 at Jacksonville ISD. We are currently in the process of implementation of the requirements in the recently passed Senate Bill 11. Those include:

- Safety and Security audits are being conducted throughout the district.
- Threat Assessment teams have been formed across the District. Training has been completed districtwide.
- All JISD staff members have been trained on our Multi-Hazard Emergency Operations Plans and drills are being conducted as required.
- We are exploring implementation of an anonymous phone based tip app which will allow stakeholders to quickly and easily report suspicious activity from their smartphone.
- We continue to encourage our students, staff, and parents to “See Something – Say Something” if they observe suspicious activities.
- We continue to monitor social media. When we become aware of a potential threat involving our district, we work with our community partners to conduct a thorough investigation immediately.

These are just a few of the steps we are taking to ensure that everyone who attends or works in district’s schools feel safe.

If you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to discuss those with your child’s teacher or campus principal. If you need to speak with a JISD Police Officer, the front office staff of any school can assist you in contacting the officer assigned to your child’s school.

We hope you all have a #202PerfectVisionYear!

Sincerely,

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