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Dear Brewster Community,

This afternoon, parents and students used Anonymous Alerts to inform us that additional social media posts suggesting harm to others were appearing. These posts were attributed to the same student who made a threatening post on Saturday. Deputy Keith Simone was contacted and the Sheriff's Department of Putnam County went to the student's home again to investigate. The student was interviewed and the home was searched once again. There was no evidence that the student had made the new posts that appeared this afternoon. It was clear to the Sheriff's Department that someone was impersonating the student.

Based upon names used in the new posts that appeared today, the Sheriff's Department went to the homes of other students who were suspected of being involved. At approximately 10:20pm this evening, the Sheriff's Department determined the owner of the Snapchat account used to make the disturbing posts. As they had suspected, another student was in fact impersonating the student who confessed to making the posts on Saturday. This student's actions endangered the other student, caused unnecessary fear and required hours to investigate and resolve. We will use our Code of Conduct to apply the appropriate disciplinary action for this behavior. The student and parents will be meeting with Mr. Clark tomorrow morning.

The Sheriff's Department determined that there is no credible threat associated with the social media posts made on Saturday or today. Once again, we thank the parents and students who used Anonymous Alerts to inform us. All of the information provided was useful to the investigation.

There is no need for students or staff to feel afraid to come to school tomorrow. Unfortunately, this was a case of a student making an already bad situation worse. As stated in yesterday's letter, we take all threats seriously and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

I want to thank Sergeant Kevin Cargain of the Sheriff's Department of Putnam County, Deputy Keith Simone, the SRO at HH Wells, and other members of the Sheriff's Department who took swift actions to investigate and persisted until they discovered the truth.

If there are new developments that we need to share, we will notify you. Please feel free to contact your child's principal or me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation, patience and assistance.

Warm regards,

Valerie Henning-Piedmonte