



COVINGTON INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Families:

One of our top priorities at Covington Independent Public Schools is to provide a safe learning environment for all students and staff members.

Unfortunately, Kentucky schools have experienced an escalation of terroristic threats. School and law enforcement officials are determined to put a halt to these acts. The purpose of this letter is to inform you about a recent change in the law. School district officials, in coordination with law enforcement agencies, will pursue immediate legal charges for felony terroristic threatening in the second degree, against anyone who makes such threats. These charges could result in students being expelled from school and/or serving time in juvenile detention.

Terroristic Threatening in the second degree is defined in state law (KRS 508.078)

1. A person is guilty of terroristic threatening in the second degree when, other than as provided in KRS 508.075, he or she intentionally:
 - Makes false statements by any means, including by electronic communication, for the purpose of:
 - Causing evacuation of a school building, school property, or school-sanctioned activity;
 - Causing cancellation of school classes or school-sanctioned activity; or
 - Creating fear of serious bodily harm among students, parents, or school personnel. *(For the complete text, see KRS 508.078)*

We believe it is imperative that you discuss this important matter with your child as soon as possible. I appreciate your partnership in keeping our school and district the safest place for children to learn and grow.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's building principal.