



## **SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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**Dr. Gwendolyn P. Shannon, Division Superintendent**

**Dr. Deborah Goodwyn, Chairman  
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March 28, 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members,

The Southampton County Sheriff's Office has informed me that a threat was made on social media against several school divisions and other entities in our area. The Sheriff's Office is working collaboratively with other law enforcement agencies to address the threat.

School officials and district administration are working in coordination with law enforcement to ensure that all necessary steps are taken for the safety of our students and staff. We will have an increased police presence in our schools as the investigation continues and until a resolution is reached.

The safety and welfare of each student and staff are paramount to our district and all threats, credible or not, are taken seriously.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "G. Shannon", written over a large, stylized blue circular flourish.

Gwendolyn Shannon, Ph.D.  
Division Superintendent

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