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Dear ISAAC Family,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of a situation involving our school that occurred after the start of school this morning.

The safety of our students is our top priority and we take any and all threats that are related to our school seriously. This morning around 9 am, we were notified of a threat that was made to members of the school community. This threat was shared via social media, specifically Tic Tok. The City of New London Police Department were immediately notified and promptly responded to meet with the student and their parent who sent the message. After speaking with the student and their family, the City of New London Police Department and ISAAC Administration determined there was no credible threat to ISAAC or any member within the school community.

As an ISAAC Family, it is important for all of us to work together to address these continuing social media posts and challenges that result in disruptions in our schools and students' lives. We ask that all families speak to their children about reinforcing the importance of being a 'courageous leader' by letting a parent, teacher, and/or administrator know if they have viewed or heard any threats of violence towards another student, person, or school community. Moreover, it is vital that students report the aforementioned concerns to a trusted adult versus promoting and reposting these social media posts. It is our responsibility to collectively ensure that our school and all who work, learn, and grow at ISAAC are able to do so in a safe environment.

We are incredibly grateful for the strong partnership that exists between ISAAC, Chief Brian Wright, and the entire New London Police Department. This collaborative partnership allowed for immediate and efficient steps to be taken with the ultimate purpose of keeping our ISAAC Family safe. Please be assured that the safety and security of our staff and students is our highest priority.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Principal Dunning or Associate Principal Collins directly.

Sincerely,

Dr. Nicholas J. Spera Executive Director

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Chief Brian Wright New London Chief of Police