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Dear Parents, Guardians, & Caregivers:

The Watkins Glen Central School District is dedicated to maintaining a safe and orderly school environment with a strong parent partnership. A critical aspect of that partnership is communication. For this reason, I want to make you aware of a situation that evolved over the long weekend.

We were notified on Saturday evening by our School Resource Officer and the Watkins Glen Police Department that a Watkins Glen High School student had made a verbal threat of violence toward the school. Though the threat was very vague, we take all safety matters very seriously and investigate them fully. The Watkins Glen Police Department and Watkins Glen School District have worked together to conduct a full investigation into the threat. Both organizations have taken necessary steps to resolve the incident.

As with all matters of student safety, we consider the significance of the incident, the likelihood of the threat, the student(s) involved, and our ability to prevent such threats from occurring. We act according to our district-wide Code of Conduct, utilizing both school disciplinary systems and the criminal justice system. The investigation revealed that a considerable amount of time passed between the initial threat and the report. With that being said, please encourage your child to let a teacher, administrator, or trusted adult know immediately if a situation exists which could ever place them and/or others in danger.

We would like to thank those students and families who have come forward to help us conduct and close the investigation. Only by working as a school community can we create and maintain a safe and orderly environment for the students of the Watkins Glen Central School District.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Greg Kelahan", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Greg Kelahan, Superintendent

"Together, school and community shall provide for growth, learning and achievement at all levels."