Bellevue Community Schools

November 11, 2026

Dear Bronco Community,

The safety of our students and staff will always be the guiding principle in every decision we make as a school district.

Late in the afternoon on November 10, 2026, Mr. Brininstool was made aware of a written threat involving Bellevue Jr./Sr. High School. Upon receiving this information, we immediately contacted law enforcement. Bellevue Police officers responded to the school and began an investigation into the reported threat.

As part of that investigation, officers documented the threat and brought in police canine units both last night and again this morning. In total, three police canine officers conducted thorough searches of the school to identify any items or materials that could potentially cause harm to our students or staff. Nothing suspicious or threatening was found during these searches.

We take every threat seriously, regardless of its nature or perceived credibility. Whenever a threat is reported, we follow established safety procedures and work closely with law enforcement to determine the appropriate steps to protect our students and staff.

As an additional precaution, we will continue the following safety measures throughout this week:

- **Single point of entry:** All students will enter through one designated access point where Bellevue Police will be stationed.
- **Increased police presence:** Three police officers will be present around the school throughout the school day..
- **Metal Detectors/Wands:** May be used upon entry to the school.

I want to personally thank the Bellevue Police Department and the officers who have worked diligently with our district throughout this situation. Their professionalism, commitment, and partnership are greatly appreciated. Our relationship with local law enforcement is an important part of maintaining a safe school environment.

I have also been asked why I made the decision to have school today. I want to be clear that this decision was not made independently or without careful consideration. It was made in collaboration with local law enforcement and the administrative team at Bellevue Jr./Sr. High School. Following the investigation and thorough searches of the building, we were confident that there was no identified threat within the school and that the written threat appeared consistent with a swatting attempt intended to disrupt school operations.

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I recognize that not everyone will agree with the decision to keep school in session. However, as superintendent, it is my responsibility to make decisions based on all available information, the findings of law enforcement, and the recommendations of our administrative team. I do not take these decisions lightly, and the safety of our students and staff remains at the center of every decision.

Thank you for your continued support, understanding, and partnership. We will continue to work closely with law enforcement and take every necessary precaution to provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff.

Sincerely,

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