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Dear Region 1 Parents and Caregivers,

The Connecticut State Department of Education has communicated with all schools in Connecticut with regard to the TikTok challenge regarding possible school threats that could take place tomorrow, December 17th. Charlene Russell Tucker, the Commissioner of Education is working closely with the The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, and she has indicated that there are no credible threats in Connecticut. However, we take all news of threats in schools very seriously. Thus, Troop B, Troop L, and the town resident troopers have been made aware of this situation and we have requested increased surveillance of all school campuses until we dismiss for the winter break. Principals and staff have also been made aware of the TikTok challenge and will follow the safety protocols in place for each school that address this type of situation.

This disruptive use of social media is alarming and disruptive to all of our lives. We will do all that we can to keep students and staff safe and to reduce any stress and anxiety caused in the wake of these disturbances. Teachers and counselors will be especially aware and available to students who may be in need of someone to support them while in school.

We thank the local law enforcement officers and our staff for their vigilance and steady leadership during this time and thank you for your partnership as we work through these issues. This type of situation is not what we envision for our schools. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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