

## **Information for Families about Recent Threats Against Cambridge Public Schools**

*Key Points from a Joint Statement by City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Superintendent of Schools Jeff Young and Police Commissioner Robert Haas*

Many families have shared questions and concerns about this week's threats against the Cambridge Public Schools (CPS). Following is a summary of the situation as of December 5:

- The police department is working with local and federal partners including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), to determine the source of emailed threats against CPS schools.
- This situation is the highest priority of our local police department and CPS security. The Cambridge Police will continue to provide support and a uniformed presence at the schools until the threat is confirmed as non-credible.
- We believe that the same individual continues to be behind the e-mails.
- We understand why families would like more details of these threats, however we ask for your patience and understanding. We are sharing all the information that we can without jeopardizing the investigation.

### **What you can do:**

1. **Please understand the ways that your family can stay informed.** We will be continue to work collaboratively to determine the appropriate safety precautions required at schools, and will notify families via CPS email, website, mobile app and/or phone.
2. **If you or anyone you know has learned of any possible connections to the e-mails, witnessed any suspicious behaviors, or has any information to provide to officers, please don't hesitate to call the Cambridge Police at 617-349-3300 (non-emergency) or 911 (emergency).**
3. **Try to maintain a sense of calm.** The unsettling reality is that even when police find nothing out of the ordinary, any threat remains undetermined until its source can be found.
4. **Take care of yourselves, your children, and one another.** While there have been no incidents to report on to date, this is a sensitive time in the world. We must all work together to support the emotional well-being of children, families, staff, and all members of our community. Advice for families can be found online at [www.cpsd.us](http://www.cpsd.us).

Thank you for being part of all that is best in the City of Cambridge.