

Hasbrouck Heights Public Schools
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In early September the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness (NJOHSP) sent a letter to all school districts requesting that we inform parents of the Suspicious Activity Reporting (SAR) program which is mandated by the New Jersey Attorney General. This program states that all Chief Law Enforcement Executives shall report suspicious activities to better reflect the current threat landscape, including threats of violence to schools or other criminol activities related to terrorism. As a result of this directive there has been an increase in the reporting of suspicious activity. An in-depth analysis on the changing trends in threats and tactics affecting New Jersey schools revealed that social media remains a pervasive method used by some juveniles and students to convey school threats. Due to this analysis the NJOHSP is requesting that we inform parents/guardians that consequences for any student engaging in such threats may include:

1. Suspension from school and all school related activities
2. Notification of the allegation to the local police department
3. A search of their residence
4. Criminal charges

Please note that we take all threats seriously and will enforce our code of conduct in all threat situations.

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