



December 14, 2021

Good afternoon,

After disruptions in other VT schools earlier this month and a day of significant disruption to the Middle School today, it has come to my attention that there is now a rumor about an incident at the High School tomorrow, Wednesday, December 15. First, thank you to those community members who brought information forward so that it could be addressed directly.

The facts in brief are as follows: last week a student was overheard to make a verbal statement which was investigated as a school safety threat. In keeping with our protocol, we involved the district administration and the Rutland City Police Department to investigate. This investigation yielded no credible threats and determined that at no point was danger imminent.

In light of this determination we continued with our regular schedule last week and this week. In addition, we reviewed our process with school security experts, Margolis Healy and sought their opinion on the practices and protocols that we had implemented.

Unfortunately, today rumors have spread via social media which run the risk of creating a disruption. It is our practice to work closely with Rutland City Police, and I have asked them to maintain a presence here on campus tomorrow in order to assuage whatever concerns school community members may have.

We sincerely appreciate those who bring safety concerns forward so that they can be addressed directly. Our message to students and parents alike is if you See Something, then Say Something. I ask that if you have a concern regarding safety, that you please call school and speak with an administrator. Alternatively, I recently shared a newly launched School Safety [Tipline](#) that is available 24/7 to all Vermonters.

School safety is always a top priority and requires a full community of support. Again, thank you to all those who work together to support our students' wellbeing.

Sincerely,

Greg Schillinger, Principal