

LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

Over the past several weeks and months around the United States and Ohio, local and national news reports have been increasingly filled with reports of "clown sightings" and possible threats to schools. More recently, comments about clowns have been circulating on social media. Lowellville Schools and the Lowellville Police Department are aware of this national trend.

This morning, activity on social media suggested clowns coming to our area. Lowellville administration and staff are working with the Lowellville Police Department to investigate this situation. Let me be clear, there were **NO CONFIRMED** clown sightings at our schools or in our community. However, given all the publicity in the news and social media, it is possible that either an actual or rumored clown sighting will be reported in our area sometime in the near future. Vigilantly, we are asking parents to review the following safety precautions with your family:

- Discuss and encourage your child to recognize suspicious behavior, including actual clown sightings and report it **IMMEDIATELY** to an adult at the school or at home, the parent. The parents are urged to report it immediately to the police
- Children should not start rumors about clown sightings as a joke, to scare a friend or for any other reason. This is a serious offense. In Lowellville, it is our highest priority to provide an environment that is safe and conducive to learning

Again, at this time, there is no credible threat to the school or community. With that said, the school has specific protocols for security and remain in communication with the local authorities.

If you have any information, questions and/or comments, please contact your school or the Lowellville Police immediately. As a community, we must remain vigilant to ensure the safety of all students, staff and community is our top priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eugene M. Thomas
Superintendent

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