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A. Joseph Dhara, Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Berlin Parents,

It has been brought to our attention that there is a Tik Tok video circulating online that promotes December 17 as a national school shooting day.

According to law enforcement, there is no credible threat to schools and it is not associated with any specific school district. The threats are **not** specific to Berlin.

However, we are taking a proactive approach by communicating with the Sheriff's office and discussing this in our safety team meetings.

**Out of an abundance of caution, the Rensselaer County Sheriff's officers will have a more visible presence at our school buildings tomorrow.**

Our intent is not to alarm the parents, but rather to keep you informed.

This should also serve as a reminder to our school community that if you see something, say something.

Please speak with your children about the critical importance of sharing any information that they might have about:

- any potential threats to our students, staff, or schools
- any troubling behaviors displayed by their friends or classmates, or
- observations about anything that does not seem right in school

Anyone with information about a threat to either of our schools should come forward.

Nothing is more important to all of us than your child's safety and comfort in the Berlin central school district.

Working together enables us to address concerns as they arise.

Again, thank you for working with us to ensure everyone's safety and ability to attend school without unnecessary fear.

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