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Fwd: Media Update: Our Commitment to Safety and Security in CMS

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CMS Media Partners,

Thank you for your continued interest in covering Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

The safety and security of our students and staff are the absolute top priority of Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools (CMS). We acknowledge that families may have questions following the release of the individual who was criminally charged in connection with threats made against several CMS schools during the winter of 2025. CMS leadership and our law enforcement partners recognize that this news is concerning for many in our community. The individual has been banned from all CMS properties, and any violation of that ban will result in immediate law enforcement action. Additionally, the court has ordered electronic monitoring. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) is actively monitoring the individual in accordance with the court order.

Our schools will continue to follow the safety procedures and security measures that are in place each day to protect students and staff. You can learn more about our commitment to safety in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools by visiting our [School Safety page](#).

What additional safety measures are being implemented?

We maintain ongoing, daily vigilance across all campuses to help ensure safe and secure learning environments for students and staff. This includes proactive monitoring of school grounds, regular assessment of safety protocols, and close coordination with local law enforcement to maintain a visible and supportive presence. In addition, we have School Resource Officers (SROs) at the schools that were impacted, and we also have an SRO at all of our middle, K-8, and high schools in CMS. Please know we continuously evaluate our procedures and adjust as needed to address potential concerns. [Families can learn more](#) by reviewing our district and school-based safety procedures and security measures.

How are CMS and CMPD coordinating regarding this situation?

There is constant communication and real-time intelligence sharing among CMS leadership, the Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools Police Department (CMSPD), and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD). This partnership ensures that we are aligned and ready to respond decisively to any information that warrants a change in security measures.

What should parents know before sending their children to school?

We understand that parents want to know their children are safe when they come to school each day. Our schools are operating normally, and we remain highly attentive to the safety and well-being of every student and staff member. We continue to monitor conditions closely, follow established safety procedures, and work proactively to support a secure learning environment. Families can feel confident that their children will be welcomed, supported, and cared for throughout the school day.

Who should parents contact if they have additional concerns?

For any specific questions or additional concerns, please contact your child's school administrators. Concerns can also be shared with the [Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools Police Department](#) through the [Say Something app](#) or by [contacting district leadership](#) via Onflo.

What measures are in place to ensure school safety following the individual's release?

The individual has been banned from all CMS properties, and any violation of that ban will result in immediate law enforcement action. Additionally, and as mentioned before, the court has ordered electronic monitoring. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department is actively monitoring the individual in accordance with the court order.

Are school administrators and staff receiving specific guidance?

Yes. Every school is required to maintain a comprehensive School Safety Plan that outlines district-required safety practices, procedures, and response protocols. These plans are reviewed and reinforced annually and serve as the foundation for school-level safety preparedness.

In addition to these established plans, school administrators and staff receive ongoing guidance regarding safety expectations, emergency response procedures, and best practices for maintaining secure learning environments. Each School Safety Plan includes clearly defined protocols designed to help schools prevent, respond to, and manage a variety of safety situations.

We understand and appreciate the questions families have raised, and we remain committed to keeping our school communities informed while protecting the integrity of our safety and security measures.

Thank you for your continued partnership and trust as we work together to maintain safe learning environments for our students and staff in Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

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