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November 7, 2025

Parents, Families, and Friends of Danville School District 118,

As a follow up to the incident on Monday, November 3, 2025, we made the decision to close all schools due to an anonymous threat, the following message was shared with families shortly after 8:30 a.m.:

"Due to an anonymous threat to an unidentified school building, all schools in Danville School District 118 will begin dismissing at 8:45 a.m. today – Monday, November 3, 2025. Please know we will keep everyone posted as more information is available."

Around the same time, a student's social media post circulated widely, adding concern. During the investigation process, we learned more context about the post that was not included on social media. The additional information confirmed to both the Danville Police Department and District 118 that the perceived threat was not credible and unrelated to the anonymous threat. Unfortunately, the same post resurfaced on Wednesday morning, November 5, 2025, causing alarm. We want to reassure you that these incidents were separate and unrelated.

Monday's anonymous call was traced to a location in Chicago, Illinois. While the threat was not substantiated, the safety of our students and staff remains our highest priority. We understand the emotional toll this situation has taken, and your patience and cooperation are appreciated.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to our dedicated staff, students, First Student transportation employees, media outlets, and the Danville Police Department for their swift and professional response. I also thank you—our families—for your continued partnership and trust in our efforts to maintain a safe and secure learning environment.

Together, we remain committed to preparing our students to be ready for college, ready for careers, and ready for life.

With appreciation,

John P. Hart

District Superintendent