

Re: Rumors of School Shooter

To Helen Payne <hpayne@nhanover.com> Copy rduff@northhanoverwp.com

Ms. Payne,

I do not feel comfortable outing the staff members who reached out to me with good intentions due to my ongoing concerns for the health and safety of my children while at school. However, the rumor has somehow infiltrated the community, and parents are talking about it. Can I share what you explained in this email if I am contacted about this rumor again?

I am worried about this rumor for numerous reasons, but primarily because it adds to the hateful rhetoric linking me and school shootings (see attached picture). It is insane to hear parents linking my Facebook post to this rumor. It causes concern in the community and puts a target on my back for retaliation.

You should be aware that there are community members on NB Alliance (and other forums such as Facebook and Instagram) tagging student accounts, alluding to the fact that I will cause a shooting. It is abhorrent and further puts a target on the back of my children and me. I will not even let my kids play outside. NB Alliance, which is surely raising the temperature and threat of violence, is followed by Board member Noble. For all I know, she could have created the account. I am contacting Twitter to see if I can find out who created the account. It is not a good look when a member of your school board follows an account that discusses gun violence and our schools and links student accounts. I have contacted the superintendent of Northern Burlington about this account.

Thank you for your support during this difficult time. It is truly appreciated.

On Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 5:06 PM Helen Payne <hpayne@nhanover.com> wrote:

Mrs. Reading:

This is not accurate. I don't know where people got their information from or why they would report that to you this way.

Facts:

- There was a military BOLO issued internally by the Base regarding an individual who was retired military.
- Upon investigation, the individual actually lived in Florida, had not left Florida and was not in our area at all. No one was arrested.
- The internal information was somehow leaked out of JBMDL prematurely, before the situation had been vetted.
- No threat was made against the school.
- The school was not notified about this in any official capacity. I received a picture of it anonymously.
- When I received it anonymously, I contacted Chief Duff. He made sure his officers were present at all schools, then pursued further information, ultimately confirming that there was no threat.
- I subsequently spoke with the Security Forces Leadership on JBMDL who confirmed that it was erroneous and that there had never been a threat to the school. In fact, they never released the BOLO to the public.

The only staff I informed, out of an abundance of caution while we awaited information from Chief Duff, were the principal and front office staff. No other staff were informed and the issue was cleared within a short time.

If you can identify who on staff reported to you that there was a school shooter and an arrest, I will follow up with them about spreading unsubstantiated rumors of this nature.

Helen

Helen Payne

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On Mon, Dec 5, 2022 at 3:43 PM Angela Reading <angela.reading726@gmail.com> wrote:

Ms. Payne,

I was contacted numerous times today by members of your staff and parents at school today about a school shooter who had planned to target the base and was arrested on Friday.

Is this true? If so, (1) why was the community not informed, and (2) why are adults talking about this during the school day when children are present?

If this is not true, (1) why is your staff talking about this during the day when children are present?

Rumors like these, if not true, are harmful, and the record should be corrected.

I tried calling the Police Station numerous times; however, I'm still waiting for someone to pick up. I did not want to call 911. Thus, I included Officer Duff on this email.

Thank you,

Angela Reading

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Angela claims her rhetoric isn't dangerous, history says otherwise!

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@NClassof2024

@NbClassof2023

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