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HSA McKinley Park Safe & Secure Following Rumors

March 8, 2018 (Chicago, IL) - Horizon Science Academy (HSA) McKinley Park administrators were notified of a threatening rumor circulating amongst the students during the school day on Wednesday, March 7. HSA takes the safety and security of our school community very seriously, and the administrative team began an internal investigation and contacted the proper authorities, including the Chicago Police Department.

HSA quickly identified the source of the threat and the responsible parties. In short, students claimed that black marks on lockers in one particular wing of the school indicated that the student in possession of that locker was in some form of danger. The fact of the matter is, the marks indicate where structural wall studs are located within the walls, and the marks have been there since lockers were installed years ago.

As always, HSA will fully investigate any and all claims and hold those responsible to the fullest extent. Fortunately, in this case, there was absolutely no credible threat, and with an increased police presence and administrative supervision at the school, HSA will remain open.

HSA Administration appreciates all the information and communication provided by students, parents, and community members. Community members are encouraged to contact local police whenever rumored threats are discussed amongst students or posted on social media. Your quick response provides more time for the proper authorities to investigate as needed.

We appreciate your trust in our staff and continued support of our school. If you have any questions in the meantime, please come in or contact the main office at 773-247-8400.

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