



LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents,

In recent weeks there has been heightened media attention to “clown threats.” Throughout the nation, police departments have been receiving complaints of clowns chasing people, attempting to lure people, causing lockdowns at schools or just being present and being perceived as “creepy.”

According to the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security Counter Terrorism Watch Desk, the New Jersey Department of Education School Safety and Security Division, and the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations and Intelligence Center, there is no known law enforcement or homeland security information pertaining to “clown terrorists” targeting schools.

That said, there have been incidents in different states over the past few weeks of people dressed as “creepy clowns”, chasing people and doing other senseless things, many of whom have been juveniles. While there have been no incidents in Little Silver, there have been arrests made in Monmouth County, including juveniles.

Social media has been known to create hysteria. There is no need for panic but rather for vigilance. As we get closer to Halloween and clown costumes become more readily available, it would behoove you to have conversations with your children regarding safety. We do not want our children to mimic the “clown threats”, as threats of any kind will be taken seriously.

We continue to work in partnership with the Little Silver Police to keep our schools safe.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. Kossack
Superintendent of Schools