

A message from TWIN PEAKS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Dear Ram Families,

Yesterday, I received an email from an unknown sender making a threat of violence against our students and our staff. I immediately contacted the San Diego County Sheriff's Department and an investigation began. The threat indicated that on Monday, February 11, 2013, 23 students and a teacher would be shot. The email made reference to 3000 rounds of ammunition as well as numerous firearms. The teacher is not being identified at this time.

The Sheriff's Department deployed a taskforce consisting of federal, state and local agencies that investigate technology related crimes. Detectives have arrested a 7th grade student in this case. When searching his home they located several computers along with numerous rifles and handguns. This was all seized as evidence. The student has been admitted to a local hospital for treatment and evaluation. It is safe to assume that student will not be returning to Twin Peaks. There is no evidence to suggest anyone else was involved in making the threats and it is believed to be an isolated incident. Therefore, school is scheduled to resume tomorrow. This includes 6th grade camp.

According to the Sheriff's Department, this case will be submitted to the San Diego County District Attorney's Office for review and evaluation. Making a terrorist threat is a felony in the State of California. We will continue to cooperate with the San Diego Sheriff's Department as the investigation continues.

As you can imagine, this incident is likely to draw considerable media attention, possibly even at the national level. Please take the time to discuss this situation with your children today, to ensure their comfort and safety. At school, we will have counselors on hand to address the needs of any students who may feel vulnerable. I ask for your patience and understanding as we manage this situation and trust that we remain committed to keeping the safety of our children our highest priority.

Sincerely,

Dr. Burke