

In response to the incident that took place on the afternoon of October 11th the district understands parent concern and frustration on not being notified of a potential threat to the students who attend Wiggins Middle School. There is protocol in accordance with law enforcement for situations like this that the school district must follow.

The threat made was not an active threat. The threat was made in the presence of the Wiggins School Resource Officer and Wiggins PD. As soon as the threat was made, the actions from the school and police department were taken for a credible and potential threat that could have happened in the future. Immediately, the student was taken into custody and proper precautions were taken. Law enforcement was confident that the students and staff at Wiggins Schools were safe, but investigations had to move forward before the school could send out any type of notification.

The district acted on its policies and the protocol set forth by law enforcement. There are laws that schools must adhere to while investigations of any kind are in progress, including how and when parents are notified.

The district was advised to post a press release to Facebook and our school district website, so all people received the same information. The district posted what had taken place as soon as it could and in a manner that it could in cooperation with police investigations.

Wiggins School District is pleased of the way the Wiggins Counseling Department, our School Resource Officer, and the Wiggins Police Department handled this situation. These individuals worked in cooperation to stop a potential violent act from taking place in our school.