



December 14, 2017

**JOINT PRESS RELEASE ON BEHALF OF WESTMONT HILLTOP SCHOOL DISTRICT AND
UPPER YODER TOWNSHIP POLICE DEPARTMENT**

The Westmont Hilltop School District received its second suspected social media threat to student safety in the past five days. Law enforcement found the first threat to not be credible. This time, however, the threat was written and clear.

The message was sent yesterday, December 13th, and was read this morning, December 14th and passed onto the High School's administration. The district immediately contacted the Upper Yoder Township Police Department (UYTPD,) who immediately involved County law enforcement. As of 4:00 pm today, law enforcement is nearing the end of its investigation.

Classes were not in session today due to inclement weather. Until the issue is resolved with some assurance from law enforcement, the Westmont Hilltop School District will remain closed tomorrow, Friday, December 15, 2017 for all students, K-12.

The school district is grateful to the UYTPD and to Cambria County detectives who are working diligently and quickly. We are also grateful to the student who alerted the administration of this possible threat.

The District will release more information, when appropriate, so as not to compromise the ongoing investigation.

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