



# THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF LEE COUNTY

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Hello students and families,

Today the School District of Lee County and our partners in law enforcement launched a joint campaign to end the fake threats of violence affecting our schools.

“Fake Threats, Real Consequences” includes a video schools can air during their morning announcements, posters to hang, social media messages and a webpage dedicated to preventing more threats.

Threats to our schools and students are not harmless, and they are not funny. Just this school year one student has been arrested and dozens of other hoax threats have been investigated.

Threats cause anxiety for students, staff and parents, increasing absentee rates and disrupting the important work of teaching and learning. For our law enforcement partners, resources are tied up investigating these fake threats, rather than credible crimes.

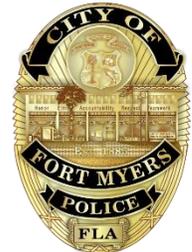
Our law enforcement partners at the Lee County Sheriff’s Office, Cape Coral Police Department, Fort Myers Police Department and Sanibel Police Department are committed to investigating every reported threat. They will follow the evidence to whoever posted it or wrote it.

Making a threat is a felony that can send students to prison, impact their ability to go to the college of their choice, earn scholarships and find future employment.

Parents, we urge you to discuss this matter with your children. In light of the senseless loss of lives in recent school shootings nationally, it is inappropriate and unacceptable to make any kind of threat. For resources to help with that discussion, please visit [www.leeschools.net/](http://www.leeschools.net/).

We appreciate your support for this combined effort. We continue to encourage students, parents and staff to immediately report any information that could impact the safety of others. With your help, we can continue to provide safe schools and the best possible education for our students.

Sincerely,



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Lee County Sheriff's Office

Chief David Newlan  
Cape Coral Police Dept.

Chief Derrick Diggs  
Fort Myers Police Dept.

Chief Bill Dalton  
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