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Good morning Page County faculty, staff, students, parents, and community,

Last night at our School Board meeting during the Citizen Comment period there were comments made that referenced weapons and were perceived by many to be threatening in nature. Page County Public Schools does not take these kinds of statements lightly.

Not only do comments such as these go against everything we wish to model for our students, they go against the very nature of how we as a community should interact with each other. Violence and threats are never acceptable or appropriate. This kind of behavior is not tolerated from our students, faculty, staff, nor will it be tolerated by parents or guests of our school division.

PCPS is addressing this issue and is in communication with local law enforcement. At each PCPS school today and Monday, there will be an increased police presence with support from the Page County Sheriff's Office. The Luray Police Department will also provide additional police presence at the Luray area schools on Monday. Luray Police Chief Bo Cook is investigating the incident and is in communication with the Commonwealth's Attorney, as well as state and federal officials.

Page County Public Schools remains committed to a safe and secure learning environment for students and staff.

Sincerely,

Antonia M. Fox, Ed.D.

**Division Superintendent** 

Mrs. Megan Gordon School Board Chair