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## **Community Safety Alert – TikTok Challenge:**

The Binghamton City School District is aware of another nationwide trend, where students post a threat regarding gun violence in schools on social media. We believe it originated with Tik Tok, but it has been seen and shared on Instagram and Facebook as well. The viral threat focuses on a shooting at a school on Friday, Dec. 17. The original threat is believed to have started as a way for students to skip or be excused from school and has morphed into something much more disturbing.

While these threats and rumors are occurring nationally, and do not target our district specifically, we have been in contact with the Binghamton Police Department and will stay in active communication with them concerning this non-specific threat against schools nationwide. If any further information is received, we will take the necessary and appropriate actions.

It is important to note, anyone, including our students engaging in or participating in the spread of viral threats of violence, may face possible suspension and criminal charges if they are found making or forwarding threats. We encourage you to speak with your student and remind them that the Binghamton City School District takes every threat seriously.

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