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Buchanan Community Schools employees and families,

Today, a number of Michigan school districts were affected by **false** reports of an active shooter on their campuses. From what we understand, schools received internet-based phone calls with these threats, which turn out to be unsubstantiated. It appears to be part of a hoax known as "swatting" that is targeting schools across the country.

While Buchanan Community Schools did not experience this issue directly, we know many of our families may be understandably concerned about school safety. Please know the safety and well-being of our students and staff are a priority. We take all reports of potential threats seriously and make every effort to ensure students and staff feel safe.

Swatting incidents – threats made to schools with the purpose of triggering a response by police and first responders – create fear and panic throughout school communities, and disrupt first responder agencies. States across the U.S. have experienced similar mass swatting attempts in recent weeks, including several other schools in Michigan today.

We encourage our students and school community to report anything that could be a threat to school safety. We work closely with Buchanan Police Department leaders and officers to assist in these situations. You may report incidents of threats to the Herd Hotline (269-409-1153) or by using the confidential reporting tool [OK2Say](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Educationally yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricia L. Robinson".

Patricia L. Robinson

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools