



## Pittsfield Charter Township

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# MEDIA RELEASE

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**\*\*UPDATE – JOINT RELEASE\*\***

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** School Threat

**DATE:** Friday, May 12, 2023

**TIME:** 2:30 PM

**LOCATION:** 1300 Campus Parkway – Saline High School, Pittsfield Township, MI

**POLICE COMPLAINT NUMBER:** 23-6598

**INFORMATION:** On May 10, 2023, Saline High School administration and the Pittsfield Township Police School Resource Officer became aware of a potential threat to students within Saline High School. The threat was specific to Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, and was directed towards specific students. School administration notified the threatened students and their families and provided them with relevant information related to the incident. Pittsfield Township Police are working with the school administration to conduct a thorough investigation. Those found responsible will be held accountable for their actions.

In an abundance of caution, and to enable administration and law enforcement to continue the thorough investigation, school officials have closed Saline High School for students Thursday, May 11, 2023, and Friday, May 12, 2023.

*Updated information – Police detectives and the school resource officer, with assistance from school administration and staff, continue to investigate the threat toward a list of students found written on the stall walls of bathrooms at the high school. Although the investigation has led detectives toward certain individuals who have been contacted, the voluminous amount of school video and subsequent follow-up investigation of leads has extended the overall investigation. Additional updates will be provided as information becomes available. At this time, the credibility of the threat is not substantiated.*

After review of information obtained from the investigation and after discussion and assessment with school administration, the high school campus has been cleared to resume school operations.

As the investigation continues, to ensure confidence of safety, the Pittsfield Township Police Department will continue providing additional police officers on the high school campus.

Anyone with information is asked to contact the Pittsfield Township Police Department:

- Confidential TIP line: 734-822-4958 (Detective Bureau)
- General Information: 734-822-4911 (Front Desk)
- Request Police Response: 734-994-2911, ext. 8 (Metro Dispatch)
- Saline Area Schools: 734-401-4201 (Theresa Stager, Principal, SHS)

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