



Notification of a Threat

January 21, 2026

Dear Parent,

Cocke County Schools, in cooperation with the Cocke County Sheriff's Office, the Tennessee Office of Homeland Security, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), has successfully identified a Cocke County juvenile alleged of making a threat of mass violence against a Tennessee school located outside of Cocke County.

There is currently no direct threat against any student, staff member, or school building within Cocke County.

This incident is a grave reminder that online actions have severe, real-world consequences. Under Tennessee law, a threat of mass violence is a zero-tolerance offense that carries significant legal and educational penalties.

We urge all parents to:

- Actively supervise your child's social media, messaging apps, and digital footprints.
- Report, Don't Repost:
 - If your child sees a threat online, instruct them to report it immediately to an adult or law enforcement rather than sharing it, which can cause unnecessary panic and hinder investigations.

The safety of our children is a shared responsibility. We commend our law enforcement partners for their rapid response in securing this situation.

Respectfully,

Manney Moore
Director
Cocke County Schools