



# SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Patrik D. Williams, Superintendent

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## **SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIAL STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLICATION**

On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, the Administration at Smyrna High School became aware of students discussing the school shooting in Michigan. This is a topic that is on most everyone's mind, unfortunately. During this conversation a nexus formed erroneously tying that incident to a possible event at Smyrna High School. The Administration alerted the Smyrna Police Department School Resource Officer on campus, and a thorough investigation ensued. The outcome of the joint investigation tonight has revealed that two students at one Smyrna High School lunch table were discussing the school shooting in Michigan. A third student in close proximity overheard part of this discussion and erroneously believed that it centered on Smyrna High School. From there, rumors escalated, rapidly spreading misinformation. Law enforcement has verified that at this time, there is no credible threat to any students or staff in the Smyrna School District, nor is there a credible threat to our community.