Kenston Encourages School Safety April 12, 2023 by <u>Staff Report</u> ✓

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Sayers said school safety is at the forefront of everyone's minds in light of recent national and local events.

"Vigilance is vital," he said. "Our daily priority is to provide a safe and secure educational environment for our students to learn."

The letter was sent out to Kenston parents after 18-year-old West Geauga High School Senior Brandon Michael Morrissette was arrested April 3 for possession of a firearm. Officials said Morrissette reportedly had plans to shoot multiple students at the school.

Sayers said the district works closely with the Bainbridge Police Department on comprehensive and school building safety plans, which continue to be reviewed and improved as new information becomes available.

"If you see something, say something," Sayers said. "We partner with Ohio Homeland Security to provide an anonymous 24-hour tip line that may be called or texted at 1-844-SaferOH or 844-723-3764."

Sayers said it is also critical rumors are not shared through social media or gossip.

"This allows the school and police to respond more efficiently to safety concerns. As a community, we must continue to work together to keep our schools safe and support one another. I am thankful for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or your school principal with any questions or concerns," he added. "As a community, we must continue to work together to keep our schools safe and support one another."