

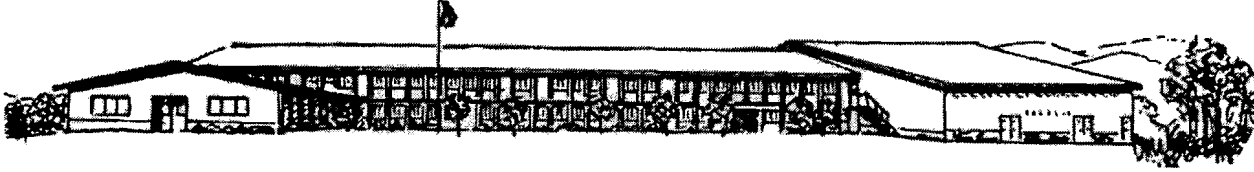
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Otsego County Board of Representatives
County Office Building
197 Main Street
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Dear Board of Representatives:

On Wednesday, April 12, 2017, the Milford Central School District became aware of a threat that was made against our school four months prior. Unfortunately, the school district was never notified by law enforcement nor the District Attorney's Office when the original threat was made. We only became aware of the threat when we read about it in the newspaper.

Both myself and the Milford Central School Board of Education are stating unequivocally that this lack of communication is totally unacceptable. Each day we are held responsible for keeping safe over 400 students and 100 employees. We do not take this responsibility lightly. To not be notified of a specific and potentially lethal threat against our school was an egregious error.

We respectfully request that the Otsego County Board of Representatives initiate a review of the standard operating procedures that are currently in place regarding the communication to the school superintendent when a threat is made against their school. If no such procedures exist, we request that they be created. We specifically request that someone (District Attorney, Sheriff, etc) be charged with the responsibility for such notification so that in the future an individual can be held accountable should an error of this nature occur again.

We look forward to the Otsego County Board of Representatives taking immediate action to remedy this situation so that together we can ensure the safety of our schools.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Place
Superintendent of Schools