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Dear Parents and Guardians,

For several weeks, there have been reports on social media concerning the “creepy clown” sightings and pranks. While these reports come from different parts of the country, they all share a similar theme of frightening people and threatening violence. Numerous recent social media posts have included threats to schools both locally and throughout California and in other cities across the nation.

We are not aware of any credible threat, and I assure you that the San Francisco Police Department has been in continuous communication with the San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD). Our local law enforcement is aware of this phenomenon and are actively monitoring the recent wave of social media posts. Like other school districts, we are also monitoring social media and will continue to advise law enforcement. Schools will continue to use their universal safety precautions including prohibiting unauthorized visitors and will immediately contact law enforcement when warranted.

We are sharing this information with you as part of our ongoing efforts to keep you informed, as these stories may affect some students’ feeling of safety. The safety of all students and staff is, and always will be, a top priority for our District.

Sincerely,

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Interim Superintendent