

'Non-Specific Violent Language' from Middle School Student on Instagram 'No Imminent Threat' — Officials

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An Instagram post by a Middlesex Middle School student that contained "non-specific violent language and memes," was judged by town police to be "no imminent threat to any student or the school," Principal Shelley Somers told MMS parents in an email sent out Tuesday afternoon.

The Instagram post, which Somers didn't describe any further, "circulated amongst a limited number of MMS students," she said. School officials identified the student who posted it, and the account was deleted, she said. "Parents and police were notified."

Somers continued: "Although police assured us that there was no imminent threat to any student or to the school, we took the necessary precautionary steps to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our children." She didn't specify what those steps were.

"Again, I want to reiterate that at no time were our students or staff ever in a compromised position and that we exercised extreme caution as we know you would expect," Somers wrote in the email, which went out at 2:06 p.m., just before the school day ended at 2:22 p.m.

Here's the Text of the Email

From: "Shelley Somers"

[Date: Mar 6, 2018 2:06 PM](#)

[Subject: Instagram Report](#)

Good afternoon. In an effort to safeguard against faulty rumors we want to share with you that we were alerted this morning of a student's Instagram post, which contained non-specific violent language and memes.

It had circulated amongst a limited number of MMS students. We were able to identify those responsible for creating the account, it was deleted, and parents and police were notified.

Although police assured us that there was no imminent threat to any student or to the school, we took the necessary precautionary steps to ensure the continued safety and well-being of our children

Again, I want to reiterate that at no time were our students or staff ever in a compromised position and that we exercised extreme caution as we know you would expect.

Thank you for your continued support.

Shelley