



December 6, 2021

Superintendent's Message: Samohi Campus is Safe

Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

We are aware of an alleged threat at Samohi this morning. We want to assure parents and staff that the campus is safe and school is in session as usual. We are working closely with the Santa Monica Police Department on this incident and the student involved has been removed.

Samohi Principal Dr. Antonio Shelton provided the following information.

"This morning at 7 a.m. I received a phone call regarding a disturbing post on snapchat. Once the message was received I proceeded to contact the police department and school security.

The school security team and I met with the student at the 7th and Michigan gate. The Santa Monica Police Department met with me, the parents and the student to conduct an investigation regarding the threatening photo. The family was cooperative and the residence and car of the student have been searched. The student has been removed from campus and the appropriate discipline measures have been taken.

At this time the Santa Monica Police Department does not feel that the student poses any threat to the school community."

We would like to thank our quick responding Samohi leadership and staff, along with SMPD, who responded swiftly and appropriately to this incident.

Students and staff are safe and school is in session at this time. The safety and health of our students and staff is our top priorities.

Please continue to report any concerns to us. We take any alleged threats seriously and will immediately investigate with our law enforcement partners.

We subscribe to the WeTip program. Any threats of crime, vandalism, harm, threats may be reported anonymously: 1-800-78-CRIME or online at www.wetip.com.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Ben Drati, Superintendent