December 6, 2013

Dear Alameda Community,

Yesterday, an Alameda High School student reported to Administration that he discovered graffiti on a school wall threatening violent action against Alameda High School on December 11, 2013. AHS Administration, in collaboration with the Alameda Police Department, immediately interviewed the student as well as several possible student witnesses. Despite our attempts we have not been able to ascertain who created this graffiti or what their intentions really are. It is our hope that this is an act of vandalism reflecting a poor choice of words and is not a serious threat. However we are responding seriously to insure the safety of all students and staff at Alameda High School.

I want to reassure every member of our community that the safety of our students and staff is our very highest priority. We take threats of this nature very seriously. We are currently putting in place measures to secure the safety of the campus that day, including having more campus supervisors on site, having police officers on site, and asking that all of our administrators, staff, and teachers be on the very highest alert for anything that seems out of the ordinary.

It is important to Kirsten Vital, our superintendent and me that all members of the Alameda Unified School District Community receive this information directly from AUSD so that every member shares the same understanding of the facts. I understand that this information is troubling and may lead to questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact my office at (510) 337-7063.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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