

Interim Superintendent Stephen Gainey sent the following message by phone to all Wake County Public School System families on Thursday December 20 through the School Messenger Service:

Dear Wake County parents and community members,

This is Stephen Gainey, Interim Superintendent of the Wake County Public School System. I'm calling to inform you of a safety concern that has been circulating through some of our schools, and in schools across the country.

Some students and parents have raised concerns about rumors circulating that a student will bring a weapon to area schools on Friday, December 21. We have been in communication with law enforcement during the past 48 hours upon our awareness of these concerns.

Investigators have determined there is no direct or substantiated threat to students and schools. Our security teams and law enforcement are monitoring this situation and will continue to investigate all leads.

I want to assure you that the safety of our students and staff is our top priority at the Wake County Public School System, and because of recent events, we understand this is a heightened time of concern about school safety.

We have asked local law enforcement agencies to provide extra support on Friday in the schools where this specific rumor has created concern.

As always, our mission is to foster safe and engaging learning environments that support the academic success of every student. I thank you for your continued support of the Wake County Public School System and wish you a warm holiday season.