



GUSTINE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 6, 2016

Gustine Unified School District is aware of the recent nationwide phenomenon and activity that has developed regarding “clowning” that has now surfaced near or about our community. We will continue to monitor social media and all related threats while working collaboratively with the Gustine Police Department and Merced County Sheriff’s Department. Clowning includes dressing up as a scary clown and harassing people that can include a wide range of threats from minor to serious. Currently there was posting on Snapchat with a picture of Gustine High School. All administrators are on heightened awareness, and have increased administrator presence on all campuses. School staff and School Resource Officers will continue to monitor and report any incidents. We also encourage parents and students, if you see something or know something, please say something. We also suggest that parents have a conversation with their student(s) to not talk to strangers and to encourage all students to walk with a group of friends directly to and from school. If approached by a stranger, encourage students to not panic and to run directly to school or home while immediately reporting the incident to a trusted adult or school official.

The safety of our students and staff is our top priority. Thank you for helping us keep our schools and our community safe.

Bill Morones
Superintendent