Dear Colleagues,

Three on-campus incidents in a one-week period prompted police response and have provided a stark reminder that safety is the responsibility of everyone on campus. None of the incidents resulted in injury.

The three incidents involved: an upset student suggesting a school shooting; a reportedly suicidal student with a knife; and a student who informed staff that he was going to return to campus with a bomb.

**Because we take safety seriously, we are requesting that faculty discuss this information with students. Everyone should know that we will act to preserve safety.**

Cypress College officials worked in conjunction with the Cypress Police Department, in each incident. One student was arrested. Investigation in the other case involving a threat is ongoing. Disciplinary procedures have also begun with both students who made threats.

In each instance where the College is informed of a threat, we treat the report with great seriousness in an effort to provide for the safety of our students, employees and visitors.

We ask that each member of the campus community do the same. That is, **if you hear someone make a threat or observe something of a potentially threatening nature, you are asked to report this information to Campus Safety without hesitation.**

None of us should individually make the determination that a threat is not credible and thus not worthy of being reported.

One of the threats only came to light because classmates took the initiative to inform campus officials. Responses to the two others were initiated by staff.

**Campus Safety can be reached at (714) 484-7387. Every member of the campus community should program this number into their mobile phones so it is handy.**
In the case of an immediate threat, you should dial 911 and ask someone nearby to simultaneously contact Campus Safety. This will greatly aid in establishing an efficient response.

Cypress College has a long-standing tradition of progressive incident-response training. This includes a regular series of drills and collaborative initiatives with local law enforcement and other response agencies.

Incidents such as these deepen our resolve to be fully prepared. As the college does after each drill, a debrief has been held, as has a tabletop exercise. Measures were also enacted to improve our communication, response and collaboration.

Thank you for reinforcing this message with our students.