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- Based on recent personnel experiences, effective communication has been a major emphasis in the conversations with staff in the district office as well as each of the schools. In our most recent Administrative meeting, which includes principals and district administrators, I emphasized the necessity of involving our SRO with ALL disciplinary issues that could have any criminal implications from this point forward. Although school personnel to include administrators investigate situations, we have been remiss in not involving the experience and training of the SRO. The example I used in the discussion was anything as significant as a “hangnail” is to be shared with the SRO. That may be a stretch, but everyone understands we must take full advantage of all resources.
- Senate Bill 1 provides the opportunity to file terroristic threatening charges when students make threatening remarks that qualify. KRS 508.078 was amended to include terroristic threatening in the second degree which includes making false statements by any means for the purpose of causing evacuation, cancellation, or creating fear of bodily harm in schools or among students, parents, or school personnel. We will be maximizing the opportunities provided in Senate Bill 1. This includes the portion regarding terroristic threatening which will likely generate comments to board members from parents, grandparents and caregivers in the event students make the poor choice of make a terroristic threat.
- Consistency with student management and effective communication will continue being instrumental in continuing the road to improvement. Ongoing involvement of caregivers is a must to reduce disciplinary issues. Most caregivers are enthusiastic toward involvement with school staff to assist their children. We will be increasing the requests and expect more from all stakeholders. When and if there is a reluctance, board members are likely to be contacted with less than favorable comments. We will make a concerted effort to improve communication, so you can address their concerns from an informed perspective. The expectation is to increase emails of scenarios within schools and possible transportation concerns with non-identifying information to maintain confidentiality.