

Kentucky State Police Detective Josh Howard addresses the Harlan County High School student body about the seriousness of making and spreading rumors of threats. Howard, along with other speakers, explained that the seriousness goes much farther than criminal felony charges. Such actions jeopardize student financial aid as well as many others things. Speakers stressed to students that such actions would follow them for the rest of their lives. Other speakers included Principal Edna Burkhart, Homeless Coordinator Gina Stewart, Pastor Bo Lee, and Superintendent Brent Roark. Students were also encouraged to report any threats or suspicions immediately. Mr. Roark also stressed that he wants students to feel safe at school, adding many initiatives are in place and others have been added in recent days to boost security. Students were encouraged to talk with teachers and administrators about any safety concerns.

