

News Release

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Ross and Born to Visit Liberty Union High School

What:

The Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Public Safety will recognize Liberty Union High School for being one of the first schools to sign up for the new SaferOH tip line.

Who:

Dr. Richard A. Ross, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ohio Department of Education

John Born, Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety

Todd Osborne, Superintendent, Liberty Union-Thurston Local Schools

Ed Miller, Principal, Liberty Union High School

Michael Tussey, Chief of Police, Village of Baltimore, Ohio 43105

When:

Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015

8:15 a.m.

Where:

Liberty Union High School

500 West Washington Street

Baltimore, Ohio

Background:

At the request of Gov. John Kasich, the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Public Safety launched the SaferOH tip line that accepts both calls and texts 24 hours a day for schools that register for the service.

This tip line allows students and adults to anonymously share information with school officials and law enforcement about threats to student safety—whether that involves a threatened mass incident or harm to a single student.

Calls or texts to *844-SaferOH* (844-723-3764) are answered by analysts in the Ohio Homeland Security's Threat Assessment and Prevention (TAP) Unit. When action is needed, the TAP Unit immediately forwards information to local school officials, local law enforcement agencies and others, if necessary. TAP Unit analysts always follow up quickly with the affected school and law enforcement agencies to make sure that the incident is investigated, action is taken and the outcome is tracked.

The assurance that their calls or texts cannot be traced and that serious, proper action will be taken to end the threat is helping to persuade young people to take a stand against school violence.