## #ItsNoJokeMDCPS

Making threats,
whether real or hoax,
has long-term
consequences that
could impact
YOUR CHILD'S FUTURE!

## **Threats:**

- Disrupt the educational environment and interfere with police officers' ability to protect schools from real dangers
- Increase stress levels, anxiety and absenteeism in schools
- Cost taxpayers money

Offenders will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

Threats - whether real or intended as a prank - require the mobilization of significant resources, potentially endanger lives and often carry life-altering consequences for the offender.

Even a prank threat against a school or public place is considered a federal crime. It can lead to a felony that carries a maximum sentence of five years in prison.

Remind your children to think before they act. Irresponsible behavior could ruin their FUTURE!





