A red-carpet welcome greeted Stanwood Elementary students as they arrived Sept. 1 for the first day of school.

By SC NEWS STAFF

Thousands of students sauntered down red carpets and high-fived school staff as they arrived on the first day of school this past Thursday.

They are among the estimated 4,590 enrolled in Stanwood-Camano schools, about as much as in September 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic hit and enrollment fell by about 200, according to district data.

However, the district was one of several in the state to receive an anonymous letter from Superintendents investigating the incident as part of several in the state district data.

School officials investigated and determined it was not a credible threat, according to a letter from Superintendent Deborah Rumbaugh.

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By EVAN CALDWELL

Though the district was one of several in the state to receive an anonymous Facebook threat early Friday morning that was not specific to any local schools.

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