

Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Press Release

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CHIPPEWA FALLS LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SCHOOL DISTRICT RESPOND TO SECURITY INCIDENT

Chippewa Falls, WI - The Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District (CFAUSD) and local law enforcement officials jointly report the successful resolution of a security incident that occurred today at Chippewa Falls High School. Today there were a number of other "swatting" incidents targeting school districts across Wisconsin.

At approximately 12:57 PM, district officials received a bomb threat against Chippewa Falls High School, prompting an evacuation of all students and staff to the Chippewa Falls Middle School. Law enforcement responded swiftly, conducting a thorough sweep of the building and grounds, finding no credible threat to student or staff safety.

"The safety and security of our students and staff is our highest priority," said Jeff Holmes, CFAUSD Superintendent. "Today's response demonstrated the effectiveness of our emergency protocols and the strong partnership between our schools and law enforcement."

Lieutenant Pabst, Chippewa Falls Police Department, stated, "Our investigation revealed this incident was a part of a number of false reports targeting Wisconsin schools. We are working closely with other jurisdictions to investigate the source of these threats."

Key points about today's response:

- All students were safely evacuated and supervised throughout the incident
- A systematic reunification process was implemented at the middle school
- Law enforcement completed a comprehensive building sweep
- Regular school operations will resume tomorrow

The incident showcased the community's emergency preparedness through:

- Immediate coordination between school officials and law enforcement
- Successful implementation of established safety protocols
- Effective communication with families throughout the event
- Strong cooperation from students, staff, and families

District counseling services remain available for students and staff who may need support processing today's events.

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