

November 6, 2019

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Dear Families and Stakeholders of the School District of the Menomonie Area,

This morning a scrap of paper was found at Menomonie High School containing a reference to a possible threat of school violence. The note said, "School will be shot up at 11:00 a.m." MHS was immediately put into an emergency lockdown and law enforcement was notified.

After an initial investigation that included a number of interviews, a sweep of the building, and a review of surveillance footage, the lockdown was eventually lifted at 12:00 p.m. A well-organized procedure was then followed for parents who desired to take their child(ren) out of school for the afternoon, but most students were able to complete the school day without incident. Throughout the day a heavy presence of police officers and additional school staff remained at MHS, and counseling was provided as needed. A therapy dog from the Dunn County Sheriff's Department was even on hand during the lunch periods to comfort both students and staff.

Officials in Menomonie will continue to be diligent in following all safety protocols throughout the ongoing investigation into this matter. There will be a heightened presence from the Menomonie Police Department for the remainder of the week as the MPD provides additional security in and around our schools. We ask that all parents talk with their children and remind students of the serious consequences for making threats, which could include expulsion from school and significant legal charges from the criminal justice system. Any information that could help solve this crime should be shared with Menomonie High School Principal Casey Drake or the Menomonie Police Department.

We apologize for the inconvenience and unnecessary anxiety this situation caused for the students, staff, parents, and community members in our school district. Even though threats like these are becoming more common across the country, please know that we will never let down our guard, and we will continue to keep the safety and security of our students and staff as our highest priority.

Sincerely,



District Administrator
School District of the Menomonie Area