

**BUILDING THE FUTURE** 

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Dear Madison families,

In a joint release from local law enforcement, no immediate threat was located in or around the schools following a visual sweep of all buildings and grounds. In the release (included below), MPD Major Jeremy Perkins and Sheriff Ben Flint shared further details about the ongoing investigation.

On 04/14/2023 at or around 1:21 A.M., Jefferson County Central Dispatch received a call from the Indiana State Police of a potential bomb threat to the Madison Consolidated School

System. It has been reported the threat has been made to numerous school districts across the state of Indiana. Homeland Security is investigating the incident. Due to the widespread nature of the threat, all schools, public and private were searched in conjunction with the Madison Schools. Officers from the Madison Police Department, Jefferson County Sheriff's Department, Madison Fire Department, School Administration, and staff assisted in the search of the schools. No immediate threat was located in or around the schools during the visual sweep of the grounds and buildings.

Major Jeremey Perkins M-2 Sheriff Benjamin Flint 39-1

To view an updated release on the ongoing situation from the Indiana State Police, please click here.

"Once again, we are very appreciative of the swift response and efforts of our local law enforcement," shared Superintendent Dr. Teresa Brown. "Today's events were certainly not expected. The quick, proactive efforts of our local, regional, and state law enforcement agencies and emergency responders were appreciated. We are very grateful for their leadership, assistance, and presence. I also appreciated our school staff's commitment to helping secure the school sites. The partnership between multiple agencies and MCS demonstrated our collective commitment to working together for the safety of our students."

"We will continue to monitor the situation with local and state authorities," shared district Safety Coordinator and SRO, Jacob McVey. "We are thankful all campuses were cleared and we hope that these types of situations continue to be 'false alarms'. Our district safety team meets regularly to review policy and procedures, debrief situations such as our recent lockdown, and adjust where we see the need. As situations arise, we are always thankful for the partnership we have with other law enforcement agencies. We will continue to work closely with all necessary agencies to make decisions based on the available information at the time with a focus on overall safety for our students and staff."

After further discussion and consultation with investigating agencies, we will be resuming after-school/evening activities for today. Each of our buildings, parking lots, etc. were searched and no new threats were identified. We will have a police officer at Ryker's Elementary Spring Fair this afternoon out of an abundance of caution. We will continue to keep you updated if any further information becomes available.