

BOMB THREATS

Reports of bombs or explosives in the school building are a nuisance, costly, and cause loss of valuable school time. Despite the fact that most such threats are hoaxes, such reports cannot be ignored. The welfare and safety of students and staff requires planned and prompt action whenever reports are received.

For purpose of clarification, the term “bomb threat” shall mean a condition of threat judged to be so by the principal or his/her designee after careful and systematic evaluation of the school environment together with analysis of messages received that relate to possible threats of bombing at the school.

The administration will have and implement procedures related to bomb reports that protect the students and staff from harm; that stipulates prevention or reduced frequency of false threats, that promotes and supports effective and cooperative efforts of other governmental agencies in the apprehension of those responsible for threats.

The staff and students are to be aware of the procedure expected in situations requiring the emergency evacuation of the school building. Further, the staff and students are to be made aware of the regulations concerning making up of time missed because of such emergency evacuation.

The School Committee expects students to be aware of the serious legal violations associated with hoax bomb reports, and the intent of the School Committee to seek full police investigations and convictions under the law.

The Superintendent is authorized and directed to develop and implement, with the help of appropriate public agencies and staff, emergency evacuation procedures, hoax prevention activities, and time make-up practices. Students, parents, and staff will be made aware of the established procedures.

CROSS REF.: EBC, Emergency Plans

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