

Green Township School District

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As previously shared in this morning's communications, our school was sent into an emergency lockdown at 10:19 am. This was a live security event. We have verified with our security company that the lockdown was initiated by an internal landline phone to the district. As a result of this lockdown initiation, our security protocol was implemented as planned.

The lockdown system worked exactly as intended with the immediate internal voice over calling for lockdown via the announcement system, exterior sirens and lights were set off, and sheriff and state police notification occurred. Our School Security Officer, Mr. Wikander, immediately began to sweep the building and communicate with the state police. The state police arrived on the scene with a large team of troopers beginning at 10:30 am to clear the building. Both Mr. Wikander and the state police were incredibly well trained and responsive to this situation. We are so grateful for their service to our school community.

It saddens all of us to know that we are raising our children in a time when school violence is so prevalent around the country. Rest assured that we are taking all precautions and are prepared to act to protect our student and staff's well-being and safety. We will debrief the events of today and take what we have learned from this experience to refine our practices for the safety of our students and staff. While this was a stressful experience for our students, staff, and school community, we are thankful that this event was not an actual security issue. I want to commend our students and staff on their response to this event.

Our day opened and closed as it should on the last day of school with excitement and joy in the hearts of our students and staff for a year well done! We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer! Please be on the lookout for an exciting gardening opportunity to help update our courtyards to be held on Wednesday, June 21st. A notice about this opportunity will be sent out next week. Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

Jennifer Cenatiempo, Ed.D. Superintendent

Jon Paul Bollette Principal