

# Springfield Public Schools

## DISTRICT RE-4

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Safe Campus Proceedings  
Shelly Swayne, Springfield School District

Springfield School administration became aware of a possible threat at 11:00 PM on Wednesday, 31 January. The conversations of reports came from the Springfield Police Department, who had received notes or alerts to the safety concern at approximately 10:00 PM.

The nature of the threat is described as a person wanting to harm the school during the school day on Thursday, 01 February 2024. Immediate responses saw the school follow policies to collaborate with the police department in arrival to campus, evaluation of the building/ campus, and that threat(s) were not present in any way. The schools participated in lockout procedures which allowed learning and activities as usual inside the buildings, but did not allow anyone to enter campus at any time. Exceptions were made for parents who arrived to take their student(s) home. Law enforcement cleared the premises at approximately 11:00 AM.

It has been established through law enforcement that the specific threats initiated in this situation were not substantiated and therefore campus cleared. A threat to campus in calculated violence is unproven. Threats on campus sometimes happen in the everyday life of our schools. They are typically common relationship disagreements and rarely take the form of violent threats. These disagreements are most often worked through by students with their trusted adults helping.

The uneasiness or fear that students or staff feel or have felt is valid and real. The schools are here to help and we appreciate the opportunity to learn and support students, staff, and families in all ways.