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Adams Central Community Stakeholders,

Yesterday morning at approximately 10:45 a.m., Adams Central was notified (via email) about a threat to the safety of our students and staff. The email stated, "There are explosives inside every school in your district." The threatening message was emailed to approximately seventy (70) school districts throughout Indiana.

In communication with law enforcement, out of an abundance of caution, all Adams County Schools decided to implement their evacuation, relocation, and reunification plans. Shortly after receiving the threat, all students were quickly and safely taken to off-campus relocation sites. It was reported at approximately 11:15 a.m. that all students had reached their designated relocation sites. After the evacuation had begun, the first community/parent notification was immediately sent out via voice message, followed by additional text and media postings. Shortly after the initial notification, a second notification was sent out via voice and text, providing parents/guardians information about the reunification process and directions to evacuation locations. An additional message was posted shortly after 1:00 p.m. to our social media accounts to thank everyone for their patience and let the community know the process was going well.

Throughout the process of evacuating, relocating, communicating, and reunifying students with families, law enforcement worked diligently to conduct a full sweep of all Adams Central Community School facilities. The building inspection consisted of two K9 units, County Sheriff Deputies and the County Sheriff. The inspection concluded at approximately 4:10 p.m. At that time, the school was deemed safe for full occupancy and operation. After a debriefing period, school administration notified the community (at approximately 5:19 p.m.) that students and staff could return to school safely the following day.

Adams Central wishes to thank our local and county law enforcement officers for their quick response, ongoing support, and direction throughout yesterday's school threat. It is also essential to express appreciation towards our school administrators, teachers, and staff for their efforts to ensure that our students felt safe and secure during this difficult time of urgency. We also commend our students for their tremendous cooperation and composure throughout the process. Finally, I would be remiss not to express my ultimate gratitude toward our families for their patience, support, and confidence in Adams Central Community Schools.

Thank you,  


Joel D. Mahaffey  
Superintendent of Schools