

Bomb Threats

The Board acknowledges its basic responsibility to take reasonable steps to ensure the safety of students under its care. At the same time, it wishes to deal firmly with bomb threats and to discourage this type of unwarranted disruption, which poses a danger to everyone in the schools even when it is merely a nuisance.

Therefore, the Board requires that procedures for dealing with bomb threats shall:

1. Aim first toward ensuring the safety of students and personnel.
2. Aim also toward identification of the person or persons making the threat.
3. Require immediate reporting of any incident to the superintendent's and sheriff's offices.
4. Not require evacuation of the threatened building. The principal will make the decision to evacuate, complying with any direction given by the superintendent or any order given for evacuation by the police.
5. Establish staff responsibilities for searching the building for UTO's (unidentified threatening objects). The request of an employee to refuse to participate in a search shall be honored.
6. Provide that students shall not be dismissed from school until the end of the school day. Instead, if evacuated, they shall remain in designated areas until the principal and the police are satisfied that no danger exists. Teachers shall remain with their students and be responsible for them.

The personnel of the district shall cooperate fully with the police in planning and carrying out procedures for dealing with bomb threats. All personnel, including office and switchboard staff and custodians, shall be given instructions for carrying out their responsibilities in the event of such situations.