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Good Evening!

This afternoon Mt. Blue Campus (Mt. Blue High School, Adult Ed, and Foster Tech Center), was searched by the Maine State Police Explosive Detection Canine Team. We are happy to share that no explosive materials were found anywhere on the campus. As we had hoped this was an unfounded threat but per our safety protocols we of course needed to evacuate the campus and let the State Police do their job. We continue to investigate the threat and will respond firmly.

Thank you to all of our staff, students, and families for your cooperation during today's evacuation.

Unfortunately, a second threat was made later this afternoon again towards Mt. Blue Campus:

- We take threats seriously, and we immediately investigated with help from Farmington PD.
- Through our work with the Farmington PD we believe this second concern is also unfounded but due to an additional threat being made towards Mt. Blue Campus and the lateness of the hour there will be no school tomorrow, January 31, 2023 for Grades 9-12.
- It is most important for us to finish our work with law enforcement in regards to both threats, tomorrow.
- **I need to make clear that there have been no threats made to any other RSU 9 schools.**
- Mt. Blue Campus will be closed tomorrow except for those staff asked to be on campus for district work and investigation purposes.
- There will also be no after school activities on the Mt. Blue Campus tomorrow.
- **Staff and students will make up tomorrow's lost day on Friday, March 17th, 2023.**
- All other RSU 9 Schools will be open tomorrow as scheduled.

Thank you for your understanding of this inconvenience. I am sure you will agree that we must prioritize safety for everyone at Mt. Blue HS, Foster Tech Center, and Adult Ed along with all of our schools and the extra time we take tomorrow will allow us to do just that. We expect Grades 9-12 to be back in session on Wednesday.

Our next update will be sent out tomorrow afternoon.

Very truly yours,

Christian M. Elkington

Superintendent