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Good Afternoon!

First, let me say thank you to our parents, students, and staff for your help during our evacuation and for your understanding and patience as we worked through two threats towards Mt. Blue Campus (MBC). Special thanks go to the Farmington Police Dept, the Maine State Police, along with our School Resource Officer Matt Brann, the MBC Administrative Team, along with our Directors of Transportation, School Nutrition, Curriculum, and Finance for their efforts over the last 30 hours on behalf of our students, staff, and families. It takes a TEAM to run a school and district safely!

Yesterday afternoon around 2:30 pm we received information that an individual made comments on social media about shooting up Mt. Blue Campus. Through our investigation, we were able to identify the students who were involved. The Farmington PD met with them last night resulting in a student being charged. Upon our review of all the facts with the Farmington PD using our Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines (CSTAG) it has been determined that the threat had no intent. It was an unfortunate student boast which we will always take seriously until determined otherwise. School consequences are being issued to these students.

In regards to the bomb threat we have leads and will be proceeding with the investigation tomorrow and will respond firmly. If anyone has any information please contact an administrator at Mt. Blue Campus. Our world is already a difficult place and students, staff, and families of RSU 9 do not deserve added difficulties such as this.

Because of the seriousness of both of these matters, I decided there was too much left unanswered to have class at Mt. Blue Campus today. We needed to make sure that we had crossed all our t's and dotted all our i's for students and staff to return safely. Please know that additional safeguards have been put into place which will help create a safer, more secure campus at MBC. **School is scheduled throughout RSU 9 tomorrow, Wednesday, February 1st.**

As part of our continued strong working relationship with the Maine State Police Canine Teams, they will be conducting some canine training on Mt. Blue Campus this Thursday during school. They will be in the main building using part of the campus without students and staff. We welcome them and appreciate the opportunity to assist them as they assisted us!

Both our children and our staff are very special to us! They are the most important resources in RSU 9. As your superintendent, I will make sure that we continue working with our administrators, staff, and community partners to focus on our most important duty. Safe and friendly schools for all to attend.

Very truly yours,

Christian M. Elkington
Superintendent