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One of the responsibilities that I hold most seriously is the obligation to provide a safe and secure environment for all young people and adults who occupy our school buildings and participate in our programs. Key to that partnership is open communication. For this reason, I want to make you aware of the facts surrounding the building evacuations that occurred this week.

We received a bomb threat Tuesday morning at approximately 11:00AM at Sheldon Clark High School, Wednesday morning at approximately 9:00 am at Martin County Middle, and Wednesday afternoon at approximately 1:30 pm at Warfield Elementary. We involved law enforcement immediately and put our evacuation procedures in motion. We evacuated all students and accounted for each one.

Once the building had been carefully checked and cleared, staff was allowed to re-enter. We practice safety procedures regularly, and we are very pleased with how smoothly we were able to evacuate and with our ability to account quickly for the safety of everyone.

Our students behaved admirably, which made it possible for us to do our jobs efficiently. Please commend your child for his/her excellent behavior during this exercise, and if you have any further questions, do not hesitate to give us a call. We are very thankful these events turned out to be false. However, these students will be punished to the fullest extent of the law which is now a Class C Felony in addition to possible suspension and expulsion. Please talk to your children about the seriousness of making idle threats.

Finally, we want to thank all law enforcement and staff for making sure our students were safe at all times.

Sincerely,

Larry James, Superintendent  
Martin County Schools