RUSSELL COUNTY USD 407

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Dear USD 407 Families,

At 1:56 PM today, Russell Junior-Senior High School received a phone call in which a threat of violence was made. Immediately following the call, the building was placed in lockdown and first responders were contacted.

Out of an abundance of caution, our elementary schools were placed in a Secure status. This means all exterior doors were locked and no one was allowed to enter or exit the buildings, while instruction continued as normal inside.

At approximately 2:26 PM, after a thorough sweep of Russell Junior-Senior High School by first responders, the decision was made to move all district buildings into Secure status for the remainder of the day. Law enforcement will maintain a visible presence throughout the district for the duration of the day.

As an added precaution, USD 407 has canceled all sports practices for today. Breaktime will continue to operate as scheduled.

At this time, we believe this call is similar to others that have been reported across the state. However, we take every threat seriously and will always act with the safety of our students and staff as our top priority.

We appreciate your patience, understanding, and continued support as we navigate this situation. If additional information becomes available, we will share updates promptly.

Sincerely,

Jordan Perez
USD 407 Superintendent

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