



#### Mission Statement

"It is the mission of the Schools in Williamsville and Sherman to challenge and inspire every student to actively take part in a lifetime quest of knowledge and development of integrity to reach their potential as productive members of society."

#### WCUSD #15 PRESS RELEASE

At 8:30 today the Williamsville High School Administration was notified a scribd "bomb at 12" message found on the restroom sink located in a WHS girl's restroom by the cafeteria. The administration activated the WCUSD#15 systems and procedures for handling bomb threats. The Williamsville Police were notified, and the WHS students were evacuated to a relocation area.

As cautionary security and safety measures, Sherman Elementary, Williamsville Middle School, and Williamsville Junior High School were placed on soft lock downs.

The Secretary of State Bomb Squad, Williamsville Police Department, Sherman Police Department, Riverton Police Department, and a Springfield K-9 Officer worked together to complete a search of the WHS building. Williamsville Fire Department and Sherman Fire Departments were prepared and ready on stand-by.

We were given the all clear to enter the building at 10:00. WHS students entered the building and resumed a normal school day. All evening scheduled WCUSD#15 activities will remain and be conducted as scheduled.

I would like to publicly thank all the First Responders, Administration, Teachers, Staff, Community Members, and Students for their efforts to ensure our students safety.

We are responsible for the safety and welfare of each student. Parents and community members entrust us with their most prized possession. Your cooperation, flexibility, and patience are very helpful in stressful and emotional situations like these. These types of actions are a serious disruption to your child's education, uncalled for, and not taken lightly.

The Villages of Sherman and Williamsville each have donated \$500 for information regarding the "Bomb Threat." A reward of \$1000.00 will be provided to the individual or individuals who are able to provide information leading to a solution to the investigation. If you have any information related to this situation, please notify Doug Furlow WHS Principal or myself.

The Williamsville Police Department and the WCUSD#15 Administration is actively investigating the situation. Due to students being involved in this situation, please understand we cannot discuss any specific details regarding the situation related to the bomb threat. Thank you for your understanding, and please know we will continue to swiftly address any issues we feel interfere with the potential safety or well-being of the students and staff at WCUSD#15.

With the climate we live in, we will continue to have heightened awareness to school safety and security for WCUSD#15. We will continue to act with the mindset erring on the side of caution when it comes to students' and staffs' safety.

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