



#### 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 9:15 today the Sherman Elementary School Administration was notified of a scribed "BOMB Here" message found on a restroom stall door outside the SES Third-Fourth Grade Hallway. The administration activated the WCUSD#15 systems and procedures for handling bomb threats. The Sherman Police were notified, and the SES students were safely evacuated to a relocation area.

As cautionary security and safety measures, Williamsville High School, Williamsville Middle School, and Williamsville Junior High School were placed on soft lock downs. All district students were safe.

The Secretary of State Bomb Squad, Williamsville Police Department, Sherman Police Department, and a Springfield K-9 Officer worked together to complete a search of the SES building. Williamsville Fire Department was ready on stand-by and the Sherman Fire Department was active at the relocation area.

We were given the all clear to enter the building at 11:30. SES students entered the building and resumed a normal school day.

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

I appreciate the SES families, parents, and guardians for their understanding and cooperation during the SES student pick up process. The SES teachers and staff truly love your students. 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.

We have resolution to today's SES Bomb Threat; disciplinary action has been taken and the information has been turned over to the Sherman Police Department for further investigation.

As for the May 8, 2018 WHS Bomb Threat, we have resolution, disciplinary action has been taken, and the information has been turned over to the Williamsville Police Department for further investigation.

Due to students being involved in these situation, please understand we cannot discuss any specific details regarding the situation related to the bomb threats. Thank you for your understanding, and please know we will continue to swiftly address and communicate any issues we feel interfere with the potential safety or well-being of the students and staff at WCUSD#15.

As a parent of students in the district, I recommend parents and guardians consider taking this opportunity to speak with your children about the serious nature of these types of behaviors, impact on others, and the repercussions.

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