



# Northwest Allen County Schools

April 14, 2023

Dear NACS families and staff,

Late last evening, I received an email that was also sent to approximately thirty-five other superintendents across Indiana. The email contained the threat of a bomb in each of our school districts.

I immediately contacted Dr. Brandon Bitting, assistant superintendent of safety & operations, and I initiated communication with other superintendents who also received the threatening email. Dr. Bitting followed our school safety plans and contacted the Allen County Sheriff's Department who then communicated with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

While we were skeptical of an actual threat from the beginning, based on our discussions with law enforcement and other school leaders, the decision was made to close our schools and move to eLearning because nothing matters as much as the safety of our students, staff, and community.

Our district-wide administrative team, school resource officers, and custodial staff conducted searches of our schools, transportation facility, buses, and outdoor facilities early this morning. Thankfully, those searches have successfully concluded, and our schools are deemed safe to occupy again. As such, we are planning to proceed with after school and weekend activities as scheduled. Look for communication about specific events from your respective school(s).

Please know I am sorry for how this threat has impacted and inconvenienced each of you in its own way. Events like these remind us how fortunate we are to have an excellent relationship with the Allen County Sheriff's Department. Moreover, I would like to thank all the NACS staff members who conducted searches of our facilities this morning so we can resume serving our students.

I hope this information allows each of you to have an enjoyable weekend.

Wayne Barker  
Superintendent