



## School District of Manawa

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Dear SDM Families,

At about 2:00 p.m. on Monday, October 17, 2019, a staff member at Manawa Elementary School reported a threatening message found in a bathroom. All threats are taken very seriously by school personnel and the district’s approved Emergency Management Plan. School staff immediately evacuated MES to the checkpoint, telephoned the Manawa Police Department, began investigations, and reported the threat to the District Administrator. There was a police presence at MES.

At about 2:30 p.m. MES staff and students walked over to the Jr./Sr. High School for dismissal.

At about 3:15 p.m., the SDM received the “all clear” from law enforcement personnel.

Some citizens telephoned or emailed the district to ask for more detailed information. It is strategic investigation protocol not to give details. It is important not to release information that may accidentally add to the threat or hinder the investigation. No child or staff member was in any danger and proactive steps were taken to ensure that safety was maintained for all.

This is an active investigation and no further information will be shared at this time. Thank you for your patience and cooperation through this challenging experience. Please be assured that the School District of Manawa takes the safety and wellbeing of your children as our primary priority.

Sincerely,

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