



Brookfield Public Schools

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

September 10, 2015

Brookfield Learning Community,

This is a follow-up to my earlier message regarding the threat incident at Brookfield High School on Thursday morning, September 10, 2015.

The following timeline details what occurred at Brookfield High School:

1. This morning, the School Resource Officer (SRO) and Principal Balanda were notified that a student found a threat to the Brookfield High School community written on a wall in a girl's bathroom.
2. Subsequently, the Superintendent, the Brookfield Police Department, and the Brookfield Fire Department were notified.
3. Brookfield High School administrators, Central Office staff, and emergency services collaborated regarding the specifics of this particular situation and exerted an abundance of caution resulting in the decision to dismiss students early.
4. Due to the impending lunch wave, Principal Balanda implemented a "lock-down" drill to enable him to provide instructions to students and staff. This measure ensured a safe and orderly dismissal.
5. Superintendent Barile released an emergency email notification to Brookfield High School parents, building administrators, and staff informing them of the situation and the plan for early dismissal.
6. Following the dismissal, a search of the building was conducted by staff, local emergency personnel, and the Connecticut State Police Emergency Services Canine Unit. The police continue to investigate this matter and the party responsible will be held accountable.
7. The authorities have deemed the building safe and school will resume tomorrow on a regular schedule.

All after school activities scheduled to take place at Brookfield High School, including Senior Guidance night, have been cancelled today. However, fall athletes will be contacted by their coaches regarding alternate plans and locations for practice this afternoon, if applicable.

We are proud of the way the Brookfield High School students and staff conducted themselves throughout the morning. Our thanks go out to our School Resource Officer, the Brookfield Police and the Fire Department for their prompt and professional response today. Furthermore, All Star Transportation really lived up to its name by responding immediately with a full complement of busses to transport our students home safely.

As always, all decisions made by the Brookfield Public Schools are made to ensure the safety of all students, staff, parents, and community members.

Sincerely,

John W. Barile, Superintendent
Brookfield Public Schools

The sole reason for the existence of our profession is the student