

Chippewa Falls Area Unified School District Press Release

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JOINT STATEMENT from AREA SCHOOLS on MULTI-SCHOOL THREAT FOUND to be NOT CREDIBLE

Overnight, multiple school districts in our region received a vague potential threat through the Speak Up, Speak Out portal (Altoona, Augusta, Chippewa Falls, Eau Claire, and Elk Mound). We have been working with multiple local law enforcement jurisdictions and the WI Department of Justice (WI DoJ) to investigate the threat. It appears that a single sender coordinated all of the threats.

The WI DoJ has tracked the sender to a singular IP address. The investigation, completed this afternoon at approximately 5 PM, concluded that the alerts were indeed hoaxes and not credible threats - the juvenile Chippewa Falls Area student responsible for these hoaxes will be facing legal and school-related consequences. Of utmost importance, students and staff are safe and our school-related operations and events will proceed as normal. We are grateful to both the WI DoJ and our local law enforcement departments who effectively resolved this concern.

The safety of our students and staff is a top priority. If ever you or your child have a concern about safety at school, please utilize Speak Up, Speak Out (SUSO <https://speakup.widj.gov/>) and/or help your child(ren) identify a trusting adult with whom they can share their concerns when parents are unavailable.

Our best,

Superintendents: Heidi Eliopoulos (Altoona); Reed Pecha (Augusta); Jeff Holmes (Chippewa Falls Area); Mike Johnson (Eau Claire) and; Eric Wright (Elk Mound)