

# MIDDLE WINNISQUAM REGIONAL SCHOOL

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Dear Students and Families,

I've received a number of inquiries regarding the procedures we followed in response to a bomb threat that was written on a bathroom wall on Tuesday, April 5th. I would like to take this opportunity to clarify how the events of that day determined the procedures we followed:

- Students notified us of the message on a bathroom wall and Officer Pinault, our school resource officer, immediately investigated the situation. The evidence indicated that a student in the building was responsible for writing the message.
- Officer Pinault contacted detectives at the Tilton Police Department and they sent officers to conduct a routine search to see if there was anything that looked suspicious or out of place. They did not call for an emergency evacuation of the building. Students were moved to the gym while the classrooms were searched. Had the situation been declared an emergency, students would have been moved out of the building.
- The student who was responsible was identified during the search process. At this point, students were cleared to return to their classrooms, but the lockdown was continued because the authorities wanted the dogs to check the hallways, just as an extra precaution. Lockdown is a standard procedure whenever the canine unit is brought into the school.

This situation was resolved quickly by the immediate response of the Tilton Police Department and at no time were our students in danger. Had this been an emergency situation, the Alert Now system would have been activated to notify parents and provide them with information. I want to assure you that we take school safety seriously and we rely on the expertise and judgment of our community first responders in these events. I hope that I've been able to put some of your concerns to rest and provide a clearer understanding of the actions that were taken. As always, please feel free to contact me if you have any additional concerns to discuss.

Sincerely,



Dr. Pamela Miller  
Principal