



# ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Arlington Families:

This morning at approximately 10:15 am, the Arlington High School SRO (School Resource Officer) notified the high school administration that a potential threat to the school was reported by a family member of a student. As per District emergency protocols, the building was placed in lock down.

The Dutchess County Sheriffs' Office, the State Police, and high school administration identified the source of the threat and determined that it was unsubstantiated. They discovered that a student had sent their family member a text message indicating that there was a "shooter" in their classroom. This was in fact not true. However, the family member had appropriately notified law enforcement.

The classroom and building were cleared by law enforcement and released from lockdown by approximately 11:15 am. At this time students and staff were asked to hold-in-place, and shortly thereafter normal school operations resumed.

On behalf of the Arlington Central School District, I would like to thank local law enforcement agencies for their quick response and action in determining that this was indeed a false report. In addition, I would like to commend our staff and students for enacting our emergency protocols effectively and for staying calm throughout this event.

The student's behavior in this instance will be addressed appropriately through the District Code of Conduct. For further information, please see this evening's [press release from the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office](#).

Situations like this can sometimes create anxiety or bring up feelings from past events. Parents are encouraged to call their child's school if they need additional support.

Sincerely,

Brendan Lyons, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools

***Our mission is to empower all students to be self-directed, lifelong learners, who willingly contribute to their community and lead passionate, purposeful lives.***