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Arlington High School Students and Staff Safe After Lockdown

LaGrangeville, NY

At 1:40 PM on December 3, 2019, the Arlington High School automated lockdown technology was activated initiating a lockdown for all students and staff in accordance with district emergency management protocols. The School Resource Officer, a Deputy with the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, was on scene, and began an investigation into the alarm activation.

Additional members of the Dutchess County Sheriff's Department, as well as New York State Troopers, reported to Arlington High School. Together, law enforcement followed protocol for a lockdown and determined there was no threat to Arlington High School students and staff. There is a video that has been distributed on social media of a man running into the school with a gun. Please note that we have confirmed that this was a member of law enforcement who was responding to the alarm.

The lockdown ended at approximately 3:30pm. The school began dismissing students at approximately 4:45pm. The cause of the alarm is under investigation.

In a message sent to district parents and staff on Tuesday evening, Dr. Brendan Lyons, Arlington Superintendent of Schools, thanked the school community for their response and cooperation:

"I would like to thank the Dutchess County Sheriff's Office and the NYS Troopers who responded to the alarm. I commend all of the officers for their professionalism and diligence. Thank you to our high school administrators, faculty, and staff for their commitment to keeping our students safe. Thank you to our students who remained calm and followed their teachers' instructions. Finally, thank you to our parents for understanding that the safety our students and staff was our first priority. We appreciate your patience and your faith in us."

The district is providing additional counseling services for students and staff on Wednesday, December 4 and throughout the rest of the week as needed.

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