

April 25, 2007

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Because it is the policy of Leesville Road High School to keep parents and guardians informed, I am making you aware of an incident that occurred at Leesville Road Middle School today.

Around 11 a.m., a Leesville Road Middle School student informed the middle school staff that another student may have a bomb in his locker at the middle school. The middle school immediately evacuated and notified emergency officials and the WCPSS Security Department.

Wake County Sheriff's Department, the Raleigh Fire Department and WCPSS Security officials responded to the call, and upon their recommendation, Leesville Road High School and Leesville Road Elementary School were also evacuated. After authorities thoroughly checked the middle school, and gave us an all clear, students returned to class.

We worked closely with law enforcement and WCPSS Security staff to insure the safety of our students. Their investigation determined that the threat was a hoax. Our students remained orderly and cooperative during the incident. Students and staff were safe at all times.

Hoax bomb threats are taken seriously. The WCPSS investigates each bomb threat fully and pursues hoax reports with criminal prosecution.

It is important for students to feel comfortable talking to adults about their concerns. The best means to keep schools safe is to maintain healthy and open relationships between adults and children at all times. Please help us to continue to emphasize to students that they should feel comfortable in talking about situations that cause them concern.

I want to assure you that our first concern is the safety and welfare of our students. We will continue to take every measure to ensure student safety. If you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to call the main office at 870-4250.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Sincerely,

Stephen Gainey
Principal