



FORT PAYNE CITY SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Faculty and Staff;

Our goal is to communicate with you and keep you informed of events that may affect our school system. We wanted to make you aware of the following that occurred yesterday, January 21, 2025. Our central office phone system received a call that stated we had a bomb underneath our school. This message was not detected until 6:05pm last night. After an extensive investigation by the administration of the Fort Payne City Schools, in conjunction with the Fort Payne Police Department, the investigation revealed that the call originated from an eleven-year-old from another school district outside of DeKalb County. The child and parents were interviewed to help us identify the origin and intent of the call. This was one of many prank calls made by the individual child, but there is no credible threat.

All school campuses were searched by administration and law enforcement last night. As always, we take any threat to student safety seriously, and wanted to make certain you are aware. There will be an increased law enforcement presence on our campuses when we are investigating perceived threats. Please feel free to communicate with our administration at any time you feel necessary.

Sincerely,

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