Sparta Area School District

Article 172 – Bomb Threat Response

The board acknowledges its primary responsibility to ensure the safety of students and staff within the Sparta Area School District. At the same time, the Board aims to maintain the highest quality educational environment, with a minimum of unwarranted disruptions.

The board requires the following procedures for dealing with bomb threats:

1. Take reasonable precaution toward ensuring the safety of students and personnel.
2. Minimize the disruption caused by threats of violence.
3. Take immediate steps to identify the person or persons making the threat.
4. Inform school personnel of the nature of the threat as soon as possible.
5. If the event of an evacuation, school personnel will cooperate by providing a visual inspection of the open areas of their immediate teaching and working spaces for unidentified or suspicious objects.
6. Staff will be asked to volunteer to participate in a general search of the building. No school personnel will be directed to participate in a search of areas outside of their workspace against their will.
7. Notification or communications with parents, community members, or media with respect to bomb threats will not normally be required except in response to a direct question or where, in the opinion of administration, communication is needed to clarify erroneous rumor.

All school facilities will maintain a bomb threat response kit.

Appropriate threat response does not always require evacuation of the threatened building. The superintendent or designee will make the decision concerning evacuation in conjunction with advise given by law enforcement.

Whenever possible, students should not be dismissed from school until the end of the school day. Instead, if evacuation is warranted, students should remain in designated areas until school authorities and law enforcement are satisfied that no danger exists.

Time lost due to school dismissal or closures as a result of a bomb threat will be made up at the discretion of the board.

Students involved in bomb threats will be suspended from school pending consideration of expulsion.
Legal Reference: Wisconsin Statutes 120.13(1)(b), 947.015

Cross Reference: Administrative Rule 172 - Bomb Threat Response
Bomb Threat Report Form
www.threatplan.org - U.S. Department of Justice / U.S. Department of Education

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